

730 Philadelphia Saving Fund Building  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Special Agent in Charge  
Division of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice  
1206 Law & Finance Building  
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Re: Unknown Subjects  
Edward G. Bremer - Victim  
Kidnaping

Dear Sir:

I enclose a copy of my memorandum dated January 10, 1934, in the above entitled case, which memorandum is self-explanatory. Subsequent investigation by this office reflects that the Pittsburgh Wall Paper Company is located in Pittsburgh, Pa., and it is requested that you make an investigation at that place, in accordance with my memorandum.

Attention is called to the fact that, since dictation of this memorandum, the Division has advised that it will not be necessary to secure from manufacturers a list of their wholesalers, but that, at the present time, it will be necessary only to secure samples of patterns approximating the design described by Bremer.

This matter should be expedited, and any samples of paper obtained should be sent direct to the St. Paul Office, in order that Bremer may identify same.

Very truly yours,

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H. C. Harvey  
Special Agent in Charge

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P.O. Box 515, St. Paul, Minn.

February 14, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U.S. Department of Justice,  
1900 Bankers' Building,  
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Sir:

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS  
EDWARD G. BREMER, VICTIM.  
KIDNAPING.  
St. Paul File No. 7-55.

In the above entitled matter, there is enclosed  
herewith letter received by the Victim from one, Kenneth Loflin  
Ragon, 636 North 14th Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, which is self-  
explanatory.

It is requested that Mr. Ragon be interviewed for  
whatever information he may have.

Very truly yours,

WERNER HANKE,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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836 North 14th Street, Apt. 57,  
Milwaukee, Wisconsin, February 10th, 1934.

Edward G. Bremer, Esq.,  
855 Seventh Street,  
Saint Paul, Minnesota.

My Dear Mr. Bremer:

The writer communicated twice with your father, Mr. Adolph Bremer, the week preceding your release. Your father has my full qualifications, references, past record, etc.

Mr. Bremer, I have succeeded many times in the past on some confidential missions of great magnitude. For government, state, county, city and special. I am a trained investigator. And I can be trusted. But, above all, I am a newspaperman and I know how to get results—quickly.

I particularly well know Saint Paul, Minneapolis and the northwest in its entirety. I know the hideouts, the mobs, the stoolpigeons, contacts (have many set up) and other information. I can, in 24 hours, get you DEFINITE information as to WHAT GANG HAD YOU, and HOW TO FIND THEM. I am particularly, also, interested in a Kansas City, Missouri, mob, known as the "Frankie Nigro gang."

I have a job. Have been on it the last seven months or almost that long, for WILLIAM RANDOLPH HEARST, working for MILWAUKEE SENTINEL. This is NOT a newspaper enterprise. I do not "believe" I can get full information and cause the arrest of the gang responsible for your kidnapping. I KNOW I can. All I ask is a CHANCE. I would quit my job here if I could not obtain a leave of absence. But, in any event, I give you my word, and you can look up my references and ascertain my word really means all it implies, that I would work CONFIDENTIALLY for you and you only and no one else, especially a newspaper, would be in the bargain.

I am NOT seeking ANY notoriety. I worked for Col. Lindbergh, for the State of New Jersey, for the International News Service, for Mayors of Chicago (long in the service of the late Mayor Anton J. Cermak of Chicago as his one and only undercover PERSONAL and CONFIDENTIAL investigator—learned about gangs nationally in this capacity) and for many cities and crime organizations.

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I am NOT seeking a fortune. I beg to submit this proposition, Mr. Bremer:

Give me just four (4) weeks, on a two (2) weeks' clause cancellation--meaning--that, at the end of the first two weeks, if I have not delivered to you positive evidence that will stand up in court to apprehend and convict the men responsible for your kidnaping, or at least shown that I can and will do so at the end of the allotted four weeks, you may cancel the entire deal.

Four weeks, you to cancel at the end of two if unsatisfied.

I want only a nominal salary and expenses for the two or four weeks. If I succeed, I want a figure to be agreed upon beforehand. If not, I will remit all but the actual expenses. I am gambling that I will succeed. I beg to ask, in view of my credentials and past record, and because of my utter sincerity of purpose, and innate ability and qualifications, that you be kind enough to advise by NINE--SUNDAY--if you will entertain this proposition, or have a counter one to suggest. I will make good, Mr. Bremer, as I already have a pretty well-defined idea who snatched you and how to get to them QUICKLY. I would want to go to Kansas City at once. I have a definite, positive contact there. Wire, Sunday, Respectfully and Sincerely,

(Signed) Kenneth Loflin Eagon  
(may be Laflin)

636 North 14th Street, Apt. 57,  
Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

(This letter was addressed to Edward G. Bremer, Esq., 655 Seventh Street, Saint Paul, Minnesota, marked PERSONAL and [News Matter--RUSH!]; sent Special Delivery, postmarked at Milwaukee, Wis., Feb. 10, 1934. (Written on typewriter)

(Original forwarded to Chicago Division Office 2-14-34)

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Feb. 12, 1934

M H Purvis  
Division of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice  
1900 Bankers' Building  
Chicago, Illinois

DIVISION ADVISES EDWARD DOLL IO TWELVE FOURTEEN ~~THIR~~ PRINCIPAL SUSPECT

BREMER KIDNAPING STOP INFORMATION PREVIOUSLY DEVELOPED INDICATES DOLL IMPLICATED

WITH ED BENTZ ALBERT BATES AND GEORGE KELLY BARNES IN ROBBERY FIRST SAVINGS

AND TRUST BANK COLFAX, WASHINGTON SEPTEMBER NINETEEN THIRTY TWO AND CLARA

FELDMAN WHOSE WHEREABOUTS YOUR OFFICE INVESTIGATING CONNECTION URSCHER.

RANSOM MONEY UNDOUBTEDLY KNOWS DOLL AND COULD FURNISH CONSIDERABLE INFORMATION

REQUEST EVERY EFFORT LOCATE CLARA FELDMAN THIS CONNECTION

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Gentry Ark, 2, 13, 34.

United States Bureau of Investigation  
Department of Justice  
Washington, D.C.

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Should some person have ample reason for believing that they could furnish one or more names of parties who were in the Bremer deal and should do so and it proved they were right how would they get enough pay to justify them to do so? Since it is to dangerous to tell all you think just because you want to be a loyal citizen

How would they know who to take it up with after knowing that you can't risk the common average laws, any more than you can the average of any common human.

I am a quite busy law abiding citizen as my life time past proves. Some of us happen to know things that we rather not and no fault of ours.

We all want to see lawlessness stop as much and as soon as possible but we have to first be a bit selfish some might say or rather might say that charity begins at home any way we better do some thinking for ourselves first.

It seems to me that as bad as this lawlessness is that a person who should endanger their lives enough to furnish information that would lead to the arrest and conviction of any one should have enough pay or be assured of enough pay that they could keep from being put on the spot as should they ever be found out on. I learned long ago that it does not pay to talk and that right now a person should be more careful than ever and know what he is doing and what he will get out of it.

Still I am not one of the kind that is always harping on what we going to get out of it but as above this part is important from several reasons mainly we got to live and hard to exist these kind of times and when and where it is due it should be paid.

For reference as to who I am but not as to what I am driving at, A.L. Smith Attorney and Mayor of Siloamsprings, First National bank of Gentry Ark or Siloamsprings. Marion Wasson State Bank examiner of Ark.

What I think I know might not be worth too much time or trouble to investigate but should it be it should be quick and if it is nothing I get nothing just a commission business no deal no pay, But it would have to be a strict confident and business deal from first to last to get me to risk or start to do so. And I am writing this believing that if I was in communication with the right and properly authorized parties or party that something worthwhile might be found out if not too much cost.

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Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Post Office Box 766,  
Cincinnati, Ohio.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the case entitled UNKNOWN SUBJECTS, EDWARD G. BREMER, VICTIM, KIDNAPING. There are inclosed herewith photostatic copies of an anonymous letter dated February 13, 1934 at Gentry, Arkansas and also photostatic copies of the envelope in which it was mailed.

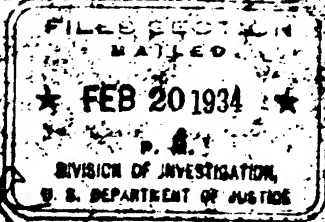
It is requested that an effort be made to identify the writer of this letter through the references given by him and obtain all information he may have in his possession concerning the kidnapers of the above named victim.

Very truly yours,

Director.

s/c St. Paul

Incl. 691243



# UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA**

FILE NO. **7-25**

REPORT MADE AT <b>DETROIT, MICHIGAN</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>2/15/34</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>2/14/34</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>W. LARSON</b>
TITLE <b>UNKNOWN SUBJECTS EDWARD G. BREMER - VICTIM</b>		CHARACTER OF CASE <b>KIDNAPING</b>	
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS Interview with Kathryn Kelly at Milan, Michigan, concerning activities of Edward Doll alias Eddie Larue, I. O. 1214; also concerning close associates of Larue who might be suspects in instant case.			
REFERENCE Letter from Detroit Office to St. Paul Office dated February 9, 1934.			

**DETAILS:**

Following telephonic conversation with Assistant Director H. H. Clegg last evening concerning the apprehension yesterday of Edward Doll alias Eddie Larue, our Identification Order No. 1214, at St. Petersburg, Florida, I proceeded to Milan, Michigan, and again interrogated Kathryn Kelly in an effort to secure further information if possible. In this connection reference is had to my communication dated February 9, 1934. Mrs. Kelly states that Larue usually spent some time in Florida during the winter months when he was in possession of sufficient funds to finance the trip, but stated that he was always desirous of no one outside of the gang knowing that he stayed in St. Petersburg. She believes that while there he usually stopped at the St. Petersburg Hotel under the name of L. E. Lang. She recalled that about November or December in 1933 while she and George Kelly were at Gulfport, Mississippi, George Kelly called Larue at St. Petersburg over long distance; that this call was made from the railroad depot at Gulfport. Larue at that time informed Kelly that he did not want to be called at St. Petersburg and arrangements were then made to notify him either by letter or wire a few days in advance and that he

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would then proceed to a certain hotel in Jacksonville to secure the call from Kelly. This was to prevent any possible information getting out to the effect that Larue was in St. Petersburg. Mrs. Kelly could not recall the name of any particular hotel in Jacksonville.

She further advised that when she and George Kelly were last in Chicago about the first of September 1935, she learned positively that Larue was practically broke. It is suggested that this particular angle be borne in mind when Larue is interrogated at St. Petersburg.

She further stated that Larue had frequently told her that when he next kidnaped a victim he would not accept any ransom money in denominations larger than \$20 bills, but that he desired \$5 and \$10 notes. Also he had stated that he would always attempt to secure as much old money as possible rather than new notes in an effort to avoid having the serial numbers run consecutively. She also stated that following the Woolverton kidnaping at South Bend, Larue had frequently mentioned that he would never again allow a victim to reduce the set amount of ransom to be paid. It will be recalled that in the Woolverton matter \$50,000 was demanded but that this was finally reduced to \$8,000. It is my understanding that in the Bremer case the kidnapers specifically advised in one of the ransom notes that no attempt should be made by the Bremer family to reduce the amount specified.

With regard to the red lenses used in flashlights in making contact in the Bremer kidnaping, Mrs. Kelly states that Larue had made statements that he would always have the pay off made on some lonely highway and that the contact would be made by signaling through flickering the headlights. Kelly remarked to Larue once that perhaps some tourists might have occasion to turn the headlights on and off about the time contact was being made on some highway, and to this Larue stated that he would issue specific instructions to the person in possession of the ransom money that the headlights would be turned on and off ten times in rapid succession. Larue also mentioned that in order to avoid any confusion he might paint his headlights with some red substance when making a contact on a highway. This statement of Larue I feel is significant in regard to the instant case where red lenses were used in flashlights.

As a further matter of importance it might be stated that Larue, Mrs. Kelly states, always smokes Old Gold cigarettes. Perhaps Mr. Bremer was furnished cigarettes while being held and might be able to tell the brand of same, and also when the place has been located evidence of Old Gold cigarette stubs or wrappers might be found which would tend in one sense to place Larue at the scene of the crime.

Mrs. Kelly also informed me without being told the method used in releasing Bremer; that Larue had emphatically stated that when releasing a kidnap victim after the pay off he would be left blindfolded and instructed to count up to a certain number. She stated that this was the method used in the Woolverton kidnaping and that Larue always indicated

having marked success in this method. It is my understanding that Bremer was released in this way. She also stated that Larue had frequently remarked that he would always furnish his victim with sufficient funds to pay for the necessary travel to his home following the release. It will be noted that Woolverton was given \$10 for this purpose.

She further advised as shown in my letter of reference that Larue is partial to airplane travel and that perhaps he and his wife rented an apartment in St. Petersburg before the instant kidnaping and that his wife remained there in an attempt to show that he had been in Florida during the time of the abduction, but the possibility exists that he could have made one or more trips by airplane to Chicago and the Twin Cities. In this respect it is suggested that if necessary the records of airplane lines out of St. Petersburg, Jacksonville and other nearby cities in Florida be consulted.

Mrs. Kelly does not believe that Larue would have any of the ransom money in his possession at this time in the event he was involved in the Bremer abduction, as he would either bury it or leave same with Frank Hayes of the Hayes Hotel in Chicago until it cooled off. She again emphasized the fact that Frank Hayes is a very close associate of the Larue gang and that he would carry out any requests that Larue might make. In this respect it might be appropriate at some future date to make a very thorough search of the Hayes Hotel in an attempt to find the ransom money. Along this line it will be noted in my letter of reference that Mrs. Kelly states that Frank Hayes received \$2700 of the Urschel ransom from George Bates, and evidently he has this money in his possession somewhere at the present time. Also I would suggest that Frank Hayes be kept under surveillance if such action appears necessary in an effort to determine what particular telephone he uses when communicating with any of the gang outside of the city of Chicago. It is Mrs. Kelly's thought that he does not use the telephone at the hotel or at his residence in view of the fact that those calls might be traced.

With regard to the location of the house where Mr. Woolverton was kept, Mrs. Kelly states that she remembers now that while she and George were traveling on the main highway, which she believes is No. 66, between Joliet and Chicago going toward Joliet, that George pointed to a crossroad on the left telling her that Larue's brother's house, where Woolverton was kept, was about three miles down that particular road. She believes that this point is about midway between Joliet and Chicago and that there was at that time a good sized fruit stand on the corner of the main highway and this road on the left hand side.

She further advised me that one Marty Cork alias Joyce and Leo Trent, who she states are well known in Chicago and further states that Trent was at one time arrested in Chicago or in the immediate vicinity on a counterfeiting charge, might be taken into consideration as suspects in the Bremer kidnaping. These two individuals she states are closely

associated with Larue. She further advised that early in 1932 Cork, Trent and Lee Turner, mentioned in my previous communication as a suspect, appeared at the Kelly home in Fort Worth and that she, Kathryn Kelly, was instructed by George to go to the Ann Burnett Mode Shop located in Fort Worth and determine if Mrs. Burnette was in the city. She stated that she complied with these instructions and during her inquiries at the above store she purchased a hat and at that time learned that Mrs. Burnette was in New York and was not expected to return to Fort Worth for two or three months. Mrs. Kelly states that Mrs. Burnette is a very wealthy woman and has much property in Fort Worth. Turner, Cork and Trent then left the Kelly home and Kathryn was then informed by George Kelly that the purpose of the inquiry by Kathryn was to arrange to kidnap Ann Burnette, but that the plan could not be carried out in view of her absence from Fort Worth. Mrs. Kelly believes that Cork and Trent have been involved in some kidnaping in Chicago, which was alleged to have taken place two or three years ago, but she does not know the name of the victim or the details concerning same. She states that George Kelly is very well acquainted with these two individuals and that he bears a bitter feeling toward Leo Trent who double crossed him on some deal, and she feels that Kelly would furnish valuable information concerning Trent if approached on the matter.

With regard to the typewriter used in the Holland, Michigan, bank robbery, which it is believed is a similar typewriter to that used by the Bremer abductors in the preparation of the ransom notes, Mrs. Kelly states that she used a Corona portable typewriter in the rooms occupied by Jack Pfeiffer at the Admiral Hotel, Minneapolis, about two years ago. In this respect it will be noted in my communication of February 10 that an informant, Harry Evans alias Rubin Bass, of Chicago, told Captain Marmon of the Michigan State Police that the chart used in the Holland bank robbery was prepared on a typewriter owned by Jack Davenport who resided at the Admiral Hotel. Mrs. Kelly states that Jack Davenport is a very close associate of Jack Pfeiffer and that he was frequently seen in Pfeiffer's suite of rooms at the above hotel. She advised however that she observed nothing unusual about this particular typewriter and she does not know definitely if same was owned by Davenport or Pfeiffer.

In an attempt to strengthen the case against Larue regarding the abduction of Mr. Woolverton Mrs. Kelly was questioned regarding the Chrysler sedan which was used in that kidnaping at South Bend, and she stated that this Chrysler sedan, color black, was purchased by George Kelly either under that name or under the name of R. G. Shannon from the Chrysler Sales Company in Chicago about September or October, 1931, for \$1200. She believes that Kelly paid cash for the car. She further stated that this car was sold by Kelly to the Cook-Menton Motor Company at Fort Worth, Texas, some time in 1932. The above motor company is an agency for Ford cars. It might be necessary to trace this particular car for the purpose of having Mr. Woolverton identify same.

It will be noted in my communication directed to the St. Paul Office dated February 12 that a shipment of the red Filmolenses which were used in flashlights by the kidnapers in making contact in the Bremer matter was sent by the Filmolens Company in Detroit to Reinhardt Brothers Company Incorporated, Minneapolis, Minnesota. Mrs. Kelly states that this name is very familiar to her and she believes that Tom Banks purchased golf sticks at cost for the various members of the gang in the above store. This might be significant in determining if the lenses used in the flashlights were purchased in this particular store.

No undeveloped leads are being set out at this time as such action is being left to the discretion of the office of origin.

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FEBRUARY 15 1934

DIRECTOR  
DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION  
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RE EDWARD G. BREMER KIDNAPPING SEE DIVISION LETTER OCTOBER SIXTEENTH ADDRESSED  
OKLAHOMA CITY OFFICE CASE GEORGE KELLY BARNES REAL KIDNAPPING RE EDWARD V BREMER  
STOP IF EDDIE DOLL IS SUSPECT BREMER CASE SUGGEST CONCERNED EFFORT LOCATE BREMER  
CIRCULARIZING FOR HIM IF NECESSARY AS MY BELIEF IF DOLL IMPLICATED STRONG PROBABILITY  
BREMER ALSO INVOLVED AS THEY ARE KNOWN FRIENDS AND ALLEGEDLY IMPLICATED AT LEAST  
ONE PRIOR CRIME ROBBERY BANK COLFAX WASHINGTON SEPTEMBER NINETEEN THIRTY TWO HAVE  
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DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION US DEPT OF JUSTICE=

- MR. NATHAN
- MR. TOLSON
- MR. CLEGG
- MR. COWLEY
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- MR. EGAN
- MR. QUINN
- MR. LESTER
- MR. LOCKE
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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation  
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Washington, D. C.

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February 8, 1934

MR. NATHAN	_____
MR. TOLSON	_____
MR. CLEGG	_____
MR. COWLEY	_____
MR. EDWARDS	_____
MR. GAN	_____
MR. QUINN	_____
MR. LESTER	_____
MR. LOCKE	_____
MR. RORER	_____

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. NATHAN

*Edwards*  
Dr. Souder of the Bureau of Standards called me today at 1 o'clock concerning the comparison which he has been making of the typewritten notes in the Bremer Kidnaping Case, the Hamm Kidnaping Case and the original getaway chart found in connection with the bank robbery at Holland, Michigan. Dr. Souder informed me that in his opinion none of these papers were prepared on the same typewriter. He indicated that the notes in the Hamm case were very badly blurred due to the poor condition of the keys of the typewriter, and for that reason were not the best specimens for making comparisons. He felt, however, that these notes were not prepared on the same machine as was used in the preparation of the Bremer typewritten notes. He pointed out, however, that the general arrangement of the notes in the Bremer and Hamm Kidnaping Cases indicated that in all probability they were prepared by the same individuals.

*William*  
Respectfully,

*John J. Edwards*  
John J. Edwards.

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1900 Bankers Building,  
Chicago, Illinois.

AIR MAIL - SPECIAL DELIVERY

Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U.S. Department of Justice,  
412 U.S. Court House & Post Office Building,  
Jacksonville, Florida.

Dear Sir:

RE: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS,  
Edward G. Bremer - Victim,  
KIDNAPING. Chicago File #7-62.

With reference to the above entitled case please be advised that the Division desires that Maxine Miller, who is also known as Maxine Miller and M. Meyers, be located for immediate interview regarding her knowledge of the present whereabouts of Edward LaRue, alias Eddie Doll, alias L. E. Lang, alias Martin, principal suspect in this case.

Maxine Miller was interviewed by the Chicago Office last November and the results of this interview are set forth in a letter addressed to the Kansas City Office by the Chicago Office on November 13, 1933. A photostatic copy of this letter is enclosed. For your further information there is enclosed a photostatic copy of a letter from the Kansas City Office to this office dated September 13, 1933.

It has been determined that Maxine Miller, who was residing at 1430 North Dearborn Street, Chicago, under the name of M. Meyers, moved on November 16, 1933, to 1728 North LaSalle Street, where she resided under the name of Maxine Miller. At this address she stayed in the apartment of Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Haney. She left this address about three weeks ago and it has not been possible to ascertain any forwarding address; however, on February 5, 1934, there was mailed at Miami, Florida, a postal card bearing the picture of the Patricia Hotel, Fort Dallas Park, Miami, Florida. This card was sent by Maxine Miller to the Haney's.

Eddie LaRue is Subject of Identification Order No. 1216.

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Since the preparation of this letter this office has been advised by the Division that Edward LaRue is in custody at St. Petersburg, Florida; however, it is believed advisable to endeavor to locate LaRue's mother and interview her regarding the knowledge that she may have of the activities of LaRue.

Very truly yours,

W. A. SMITH, Acting  
Special Agent in Charge.

JJM:SWT  
CC: Division  
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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice  
P.O. Box 515, St. Paul, Minn.

February 16, 1934.

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Director,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
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Dear Sir:

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, VICTIM  
KIDNAPING.  
St. Paul File No. 7-30.

I am forwarding you under separate cover a sketch of the hideout at which EDWARD GEORGE BREMER was held. This sketch was made as a result of BREMER'S description and has been checked and approved by him. He claims that it is according to his idea of the place.

He estimates that the railroad tracks, which are shown on this map, were located at a distance of from one-half to one mile from the hideout and that the highway was located at a distance of from one to two city blocks away from the hideout. In connection with the bedroom which he occupied, he cannot say whether there is an additional window, or door, therein. Concerning the room adjacent to Victim's bedroom and which contained a bed, he could furnish no information as to the probable location of any doors, or windows. He is of the opinion that the living room, in addition to the large coal burning heat stove, contained a large rug and a rocking chair which gave a squeaking sound indicating the possibility that it was a cane, or reed, type. He often heard an electric rug cleaner in operation in the living room. Concerning the entrance from the living room to the small room adjoining the toilet, he said that he had to step up a distance of from one to two inches and that the floors of the toilet and adjacent room were from one to two inches above the floor level of the other rooms. He is of the opinion that a window is located in the living room for the reason that he often heard the shade being raised and lowered and also heard the shade flapping, as if from wind. He estimates that the window was very close to the opening between the living room and the room adjacent to the toilet. He appears to be sure that no door was swinging at the entrance from the living room to the room adjacent to the toilet. He is not sure as to the location of the door between the living room and kitchen, nor is he sure of

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the location of the door which leads from the kitchen to the outside of the house. He cannot indicate the location of the kitchen stove nor can he approximate the size of the kitchen. He believes that the small room adjacent to his bedroom was approximately the same size as his bedroom. He is of the opinion that the living room contained either a small bed or couch. He is also of the opinion that the toilet contained an electric light which could be switched on by means of a wall instrument in the room adjacent to the toilet, which room contained two beds. Although he can furnish no information as to the location of a coal bin, he is sure that there was one within the building and on the same floor as his bedroom.

It is requested that photostat copies of this drawing be furnished as follows:

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Very truly yours,



WERNER HANNL,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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February 19, 1934

Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Post Office Box 515,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Dear Sir:

RE: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS, EDWARD GEORGE BREMER,  
Victim - KIDNAPING.

Reference is made to the letter from the St. Paul  
Office, dated February 6, 1934, transmitting to the Division a  
sketch of the hide-out at which Edward G. Bremer was held.

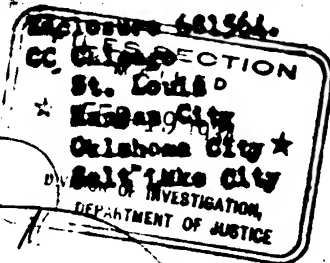
In accordance with the request contained in the above  
mentioned letter, there are returned herewith the original and ten  
photostatic copies of this sketch, and photostatic copies are also  
being furnished to the following offices, in the number indicated:

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Supplementing the information contained in the letter  
from the St. Paul Office, it has since been ascertained that Bremer  
walked approximately 35 feet from the car of the kidnapers to the  
door of the hide-out, over what he believed to be frozen dirt.  
Before entering the door he stepped down seven to ten steps, believed  
to be wooden. With reference to possible sun rays entering the room  
in which he was held prisoner, he has stated that he does not recall  
which direction the light entered through the window.

Very truly yours,

Director.



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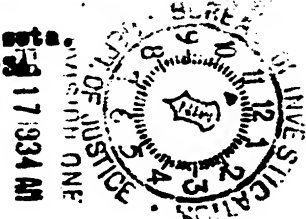
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U. S. Department of Justice

P. O. Box #766,  
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February 16, 1934

Director,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Washington, D. C.

Re: Unknown Subjects  
Edward G. Bremer - Victim  
KIDNAPING

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to letter from the Division to the  
St. Paul Office dated February 14, 1934, transmitting to each of the  
offices indicated thereon six copies of the photograph of three pieces  
of clothing in connection with the instant matter.

The copy of what appears to be a laboratory report dated  
February 14, 1934, was also received by the Cincinnati Office attached  
to the photographs of the clothing. However, this report is not  
legible. Therefore, it is requested that another copy thereof be  
furnished the Cincinnati Office immediately.

Very truly yours,

*N. B. Klein*  
N. B. KLEIN,  
Acting Special Agent in Charge

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Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
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Post Office Box 786,  
Cincinnati, Ohio.

Dear Sir:

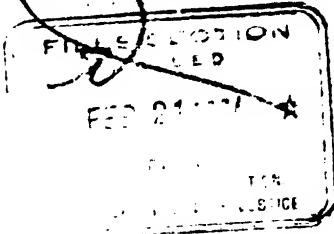
In response to your letter of February 16, 1934, there is transmitted herewith a more legible copy of the laboratory report dated February 14, 1934, with regard to the clothing in connection with the case entitled Unknown Subjects, Edward G. Bremer, Victim; Kidnaping.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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TO SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE AT SAINT PAUL

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Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
P O Box 515,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Dear Sir:

RE: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS  
EDWARD G. BREMER - Victim  
KIDNAPING.

Pursuant to your telegram of even date,  
there is being transmitted herewith a photograph of JACK ORR KILBURN,  
Kansas City, Mo., PD No. 17 315, the same having been obtained from  
that Department.

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an extra copy of the prints of Kilburn  
was not available at the Kansas City, Missouri, Police Department,  
however, advice was received that Kilburn's prints had been sent to  
the Division at Washington, D.C., at the time of Kilburn's arrest  
by the Kansas City, Missouri, Police Department.

Very truly yours,

E. E. CONROY  
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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Director  
Division of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

This will acknowledge long distance telephone call from Assistant Director H. H. Clegg late yesterday afternoon to the effect Special Agent H. E. Andersen should take the fastest transportation from Kansas City, Missouri, to St. Petersburg, Florida, where Eddie LaRue has been taken into custody by Special Agent R. L. Shivers and local police officers.

Mr. Clegg further advised that Agent Andersen should report to Special Agent in Charge R. A. Alt at the City Jail at Jacksonville, Florida; that there will be other agents present; that for all outside intents and purposes LaRue has been apprehended as a fugitive on a Motor Theft Case; that LaRue is not to be interviewed regarding the Kansas City massacre, the Bremer kidnapping case, or any other matters with the exception of the motor theft case while persons other than Division Agents are present, and that further there is to be no publicity whatever regarding the matter.

Agent Andersen was advised regarding the above.

After inquiry it was ascertained that the fastest transportation he could take would be to leave Kansas City, Missouri, on the TWA plane at 12:01 A.M. this date. He departed at that time. He was to arrive in Washington, D. C. at 10:30 A.M. today and leave there at 10:40 A.M. by Eastern Air Transport. He was to arrive in Jacksonville, Florida at 5:30 P.M. this date. According to information received here the quickest transportation from Jacksonville to St. Petersburg is by means of an overnight train. He stated, however, in the event he could take a more rapid means of transportation from Jacksonville to St. Petersburg that same would be done.

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Very truly yours,

E. E. CONROY

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Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
P. O. Box 815  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Dear Sir:

RE: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS  
EDWARD S. BREMER - VICTIM  
KIDNAPING

On August 17, 1933, Special Agent O. C. Dewey, Resident Agent, Des Moines, Iowa, forwarded to the Kansas City office copy of a confession of one DEWEY BERLOVICH of Des Moines, Iowa, which confession was presumably taken by local officials at Des Moines on June 11, 1931. The confession in question contains considerable information relative to the activities of EDDIE LA RUE, who is now under investigation in connection with this case.

Copies of the above mentioned confession are being forwarded with copy of this letter to the New York, Chicago and St. Louis offices; one copy is being furnished you herewith and another copy is being forwarded to the Division. No leads are being set out for the interested offices, but it is suggested that the confession in question be carefully perused for pertinent information regarding La Rue and his associates and accomplices. It is noted that when Dewey Berlovich was asked where he would start looking for La Rue, he replied "at Monmouth and Galesburg, Illinois, which towns are covered by the St. Louis office. The confession is being carefully examined by the Kansas City office, and all investigation which suggests itself will be carried out in this District.

Very truly yours,

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Statement of Dewey Berlovich, 2200 Chautauqua Parkway,  
Des Moines, Iowa, June 11th, 1931, taken in the Fort  
Des Moines Hotel, Des Moines, Iowa.

- Q. What is your name?  
A. Dewey Berlovich.  
Q. Where do you live?  
A. 2200 Chautauqua Parkway, Des Moines, Iowa.  
Q. How old are you?  
A. 37 years old.  
Q. Are you married?  
A. Yes sir.  
Q. Have you any children?  
A. Yes, two boys, 8 and 11 years.  
Q. Are you willing to relate the facts completely about the Lincoln Bank robbery, Lincoln, Nebraska, that is just what part you had to do with this affair, and what you have heard and know about this robbery and in doing this, it is with the understanding you had with Mr. Henry Smith of Chicago, Ill., and Mr. Van Pelt, and others, that no charge would be placed against you, and said agreement was made in the presence of your lawyer, Loren Laughlin, May 14th, 1931, Lincoln, Nebraska?  
A. Yes, Mr. Steffens, there was also, an agreement made at that time which promised me that I would not be called as a witness in this matter in open court.  
Q. All right, will you then proceed?  
A. About three years ago, I met Eddie LaRue in Burlington, Iowa, while I was working there as a paving salesman. He was at that time with Farmer Wilson. I have known Farmer Wilson for several years. Wilson introduced me to Eddie LaRue. I met him on several occasions there. I met Eddie LaRue in Webster's Place, Burlington, Iowa. It was on Main Street there. Eddie LaRue, at that time asked me if I could dispose of hot bonds. I told him that I could. Then I did not see Eddie LaRue for about one year, then he came to Des Moines, and found out that my family and I were out at Lake Avon, Iowa. He drove out there to see me, and borrowed two hundred dollars from me. I saw him off and on for the next year, and asked him several times for my dough. He did not have it, but told me that he had several different propositions in view and anyone of them might wind up with him and me both making some money. About one year ago he and Farmer Wilson had a fight and Farmer Wilson shot Eddie LaRue. The latter part of October, Eddie LaRue called me that is, in 1930, and he called me on the telephone and he called from the Kirkwood Hotel, Des Moines, Iowa. He asked me to come down and meet him, which I did. He told me that he had some hot bonds and asked me if I could dispose of them. I said "Yes". He gave me \$4500.00 worth of Liberty Bonds. I took them up to the Iowa Des Moines National Bank, and I got approximately \$6700.00 for them. Out of that money I got 15%. I then went back to the Kirkwood Hotel and I gave the money to Eddie LaRue. He told me at that time the reason that he could only give me 15% on this was because the stuff did not belong to him and that he was trying to make some money off of it. Then he asked me if I could dispose of some more. I told him that I thought I could, but I did not want to do it in Des Moines, Iowa, my reason for that was, because I did not have a reputation for owning any amount of bonds. He asked me what I wanted to do and I told him I would come into Chicago, Illinois. I arranged

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to meet him there. I believe it was November 8th, 1930, which I did at the Morrison Hotel. He gave me \$12,000.00 worth of Liberty Bonds and I took them over to the A. G. Allyn Company, Chicago, Ill., where I attempted to sell them. In these Liberty Bonds, there were two \$50.00 Liberty Bonds, that had been recalled by the Government and the clerk in A. G. Allyn Company told me they could not dispose of them and that I would have to take them to a Federal Reserve Bank. He returned these two to me and asked if it was all right to check up on the balance of them, and I told him "Yes". That I would wait which I did. At 12:30 that noon I told him I was getting hungry and I would like to have either my bonds or money and he asked me if I could be back in the afternoon, and I told him "Yes". I went back at 2 o'clock that afternoon and I was arrested. Since then I have tried in various places, Jap Glickman, St. Paul, Minn., and asked him if he knew Eddie LaRue and he said "No". Then I went to Bill Hildebrandt at the Court House and this meet was arranged through Sammy Leff, c/o Lion Tailoring Company, 344 Cedar St., St. Paul, Minn., and I asked if he knew Eddie LaRue, and if he could locate him for me. He told me he would if he could, but that he did not know him, and that he would inquire about him. I never heard from him in regards to that. Later Hildebrandt was arrested for the Ottumwa, Ia. Bank job, and I went back to St. Paul to see if I could be of help to him. He and I have been friends for twenty years. Later on I went to Ottumwa in company with Mrs. Hildebrandt and Sammy Leff. We were all three arrested on Dec. 31st, 1930. On January 19th, 1931, the case was dismissed. Since that time I have tried through Fred Webster of Burlington, Iowa, to locate Eddie LaRue and I asked Webster if he would inquire around Galesburg, Monmouth and Peoria, to see if LaRue had been around there. Webster later told me that all he was able to learn about LaRue was that LaRue had left there evidently for Cuba with a barrel of money. After that I made no further effort to locate him and I know nothing about him now.

- Q. Do you know of any other persons who know Eddie LaRue and who would be liable to know anything about him or his whereabouts?
- A. In Burlington, Iowa, there is Fred Webster, Gen Williamson (Gambler and Bootlegger) Jack Swayne (Gambler and Bootlegger) James Meyers, 308 4th St., Peoria, Ill.; Al Ruhle, Galesburg, Tom Giffen in Riley's Cafe, Burlington, Iowa, John Costello, "Scrappy", either in Monmouth or Galesburg, Ill.; he is Ervin Seights, and he is in Keokuk, Iowa, a gambler, and who also ran the Central Hotel in Burlington, Iowa, Jim Reeves, who runs a gambling house in Springfield, Ill.
- Q. What kind of an automobile did you last see Eddie LaRue driving?
- A. Packard roadster, dark color (late 1929)
- Q. Do you know where Eddie LaRue's wife or child is?
- A. No sir.
- Q. Did you ever meet Eddie LaRue in Minneapolis and if so, state what occurred at this time?
- A. Yes, I met him when Northwestern and Minnesota played football up there in 1930. Eddie LaRue asked me if I wanted to meet some friends of his. I asked him who they were, and he said the fellows who robbed

the Lincoln, Nebraska bank, and then I told him that I did not want to meet them. Eddie LaRue then sat down and talked with me and he told me that he had some paper, that is bonds, coming to him from an Ohio Bank job, and he asked me if I could handle it and I told him "Yes". But I did not get to handle this paper for him. He asked me what I was going to do and he wanted me to go out and drink with those boys. I told him "No". And I did not go. Then Eddie LaRue then told me that the boys were fighting some among themselves at the particular time, because some of the fellows had gone out to some woman's roadhouse, near Minneapolis, and he said it was about ten miles out and that some of them got drunk and started to fight and that is all he told me. He did not tell the names of the fellows and I did not ask him.

Q. Did he tell you the name of the woman who run the roadhouse?

A. No, he only mentioned that a woman who had a roadhouse ten miles out of Minneapolis. I left him then and went to the football game and returned to Des Moines, Iowa.

Q. Did you ever sell hot bonds for any one else other than Eddie LaRue?

A. I sold some hot bonds for Farmer Wilson, and I sold them bonds in 1927, and I sold them to the Des Moines National Bank, they were Liberty Bonds to the amount of \$3,000.00. That is all the bonds I ever sold, and I did not sell for any other than Farmer Wilson and Eddie LaRue.

Q. Did any other fellow approach you to sell bonds?

A. Yes. Pop Fitzgerald had \$190,000.00 in Liberty Bonds and that was in 1928, and he did not tell what job that came from. Fitzgerald met me in the Ft. Des Moines Hotel and told me that Farmer Wilson sent him to me. I told him that I could not handle this paper.

Q. Did you have anyone else contact with the foregoing mentioned or other persons to sell hot bonds?

A. No, sir.

Q. Do you actually know of your own knowledge or through hearsay the names of any persons who have participated in bank robberies, either National or State banks?

A. I don't know of any who are out at the present time.

Q. I am going to ask you if you know any of the following named persons or if you ever heard of them, and if so through whom?

A. Howard Lee, No sir. Edward O'Hare, No sir. Jack Britt, No sir. Thomas Hayes, No sir. Thomas Patrick Connors, No sir. Foote Miller, No sir. Bernie Sheldon, No sir. Babe Moran, No sir. Ernie Ross, No sir. Go about Riley, Yew sir. He was a local fellow for Des Moines, gambler and bootlegger and he was arrested for a bank job in Dallas County, Iowa, and also for murder but was acquitted. He is now in Aurora, Ill., and he is running a gambling joint with a Des Moines man named Corey Bales. Jack Klutas, No sir. W. J. Lambert, No sir. Von Holman or a name similar, No sir. Joe Foster, No sir. Gus Winkler, No sir. Eddie Goetz, No sir. Martin Cleary, No sir. Raymond Nugent, I have heard of him as being a bank man, but just the source I do not remember. Robert Carey, alias Robert Newberry, No sir. Bryan Bolton, No sir. C. C. Brananman, No sir. Conley from

Minneapolis, No sir. Gordon of the Pinkerton, No sir. Summers, former Chief of Police, St. Paul. I know him by sight and I understand that he is a fixer for anybody that has money. Glen Nichols, No sir. Joe Pfeiffer, No sir. Holden or Keating, No sir. Lala Foster, No sir. Marie Cooney, No sir. Harold Smith, No sir. Dewey Hudson, No sir. Mike Talericho, Davenport, Iowa, Yes, he runs a near beer agency there and I would say that he knows practically every one down there, and I think if anyone would know Jack Klutas he would.

Q. Did Eddie LaRue ever tell you that he was dealing with anyone in Minneapolis or St. Paul, Minn., to dispose of the Lincoln, Nebraska Bank Bonds that were stolen?

A. Eddie LaRue told me there were negotiations started in Minneapolis, Minn., with some people to dispose of these bonds, and that the Minneapolis people agreed to dispose of all of these bonds for \$25,000.00 on account and then continue paying as they dispose them. Eddie LaRue also, told me that they had a connection with New York and that the man was in Europe and that these people were awaiting his arrival. It is my belief that the real connection is Gordon, Summers and Conly because that is the only Minneapolis connection that would have that kind of money to deal with. Leon Glickman is in contact with these fellows and is sort of a general fixer on gambling devices, etc., and if a connection could be made with him it is possible that a great deal could be learned.

Q. If you were anxious to get Eddie LaRue just where would you start first to look for him?

A. Monmouth and Galesburg, Ill., because he sets in these towns.

Q. Do you know of any Safety Deposit Boxes that Eddie LaRue has or any bank he deals with?

A. No.

Q. Do you know Thomas E. Brennan or Phil Bailey?

A. No.

Q. Now Berlevich, in the investigation of the Lincoln State Bank Robbery, is there anything that you know of or have on your mind that the law enforcing agencies should know of to clear up this crime completely?

A. This is all I know.

Q. If it should develop at a later date that you had actual knowledge of facts, you have not mentioned, that are vital in the Lincoln Bank Robbery, you would be satisfied to surrender all considerations render to you for what information you have already rendered?

A. Yes.



FORM NO. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

St. Paul, Minnesota

REPORT MADE AT  
Portland, Oregon

DATE WHEN MADE  
2-13-34

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2-10-34

REPORT MADE BY  
C. J. ...

UNKNOWN SUBJECTS  
EDWARD G. BREMER - Victim

Witness

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Salt Lake City office telegraphically reported 2-10-34 that unknown man aboard Union Pacific train en route Portland exhibited large roll of five and ten dollar bills, requesting surveillance party on arrival Portland. Surveillance developed party was Sheldon Catlin, vice president, North America Insurance Company, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania who, according to Philadelphia office, is reputable citizen on business trip to West Coast.

REFERENCE:

Telegram of Salt Lake City office, February 10, 1934, and telegram of Los Angeles office same date, both directed to Portland office.

DETAILS:

The reference telegram from the Salt Lake City office advised that an unknown man, whose description was then unknown, boarded Union Pacific train #17 at Cheyenne, Wyoming, about 8:15 p.m., February 9th, destination Portland or Seattle; that he had no space but secured room to board the train and when considering the cost remarked he had plenty of money and produced a large roll of five and ten dollar bills. The telegram requested investigation.

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APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>[Signature]</i> SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	7-576-472	RECORDED AND INDEXED FEB 17 1934
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of this party and advised that a telegram had been dispatched to the Los Angeles office in order that the conductor of the train, who had proceeded on to Los Angeles might be contacted for description and additional information of this party.

Upon receipt of this telegram, arrangements were made through Ralph Wurster, passenger agent, Union Pacific Railroad, for agent to contact the conductor of train #17, which is the Portland Rose, by telephone at La Grande, Oregon. This arrangement was perfected and Conductor Cronin phoned agent from La Grande and Cronin was asked to secure all possible information relative to the party reported to have room 10 aboard the train. He was advised that two agents from the Portland office would board the train later at The Dalles, Oregon, and contact him for full information in his possession.

Special Agents Edgar Backus and H. A. King proceeded to The Dalles, Oregon and boarded the Portland Rose at that point.

Subsequently agent received a telephone communication from Special Agent in Charge Dunn at Los Angeles, which was confirmed by the reference telegram in which he furnished a description of the party aboard the Portland Rose and furnished the numbers of two ten dollar Federal Reserve notes received by the Pullman Company from this party aboard the train. These notes were numbered G 19978235 A and G 19978236 A. Mr. Dunn also furnished information that this party displayed a substantial amount of five and ten dollar bills aboard the train. This information was communicated to Special Agent H. A. King at The Dalles, Oregon.

Agents King and Backus ascertained aboard the Portland Rose that the unknown party gave his name as Sheldon Catlin, 1600 Arch Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania and that he was en route to Portland, Oregon. This agent met the Portland Rose upon arrival in Portland at 7:30 a.m., February 11th, and surveillance was maintained over Catlin from the Union Station, it being observed that he met at the station one Denton Burdick, a prominent Portland attorney. Catlin and Burdick proceeded to the Benson Hotel in Portland, where it was ascertained that Catlin registered as Sheldon Catlin of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Reference to a Philadelphia directory developed that he was listed as vice president of the North America Insurance Company of Philadelphia, and telegram was dispatched to the Philadelphia office on February 11th, asking that discreet inquiry be made to determine whether Sheldon Catlin was on the West Coast. The Philadelphia office advised that Catlin was vice president of the North

America Insurance Company of Philadelphia, and telegram was dispatched to the Philadelphia office on February 11th asking that direct inquiry be made to determine whether Sheldon Catlin was on the West Coast. The Philadelphia office advised that Catlin was vice president of the North America Insurance Company; that he was a reputable citizen on a business trip to the West Coast.

In view of this information further investigation was continued with the exception that the numbers of the two ten dollar bills given by Catlin on the train had been telephoned to the St. Paul office early in the morning of February 11th, with request that they be checked against the list of the ransom money to determine if they were included therein. At this writing information has not as yet been received from the St. Paul office concerning this search.

PENDING.

U. S. Bureau of Investigation

Department of Justice

322 Federal Building,  
Birmingham, Alabama,  
February 15, 1934.

VIA AIR MAIL

JHH:T

Director,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

This is to confirm telephonic conversation with Mr. H. H. Clegg, of February 14, 1934, as well as telegram from this office, advising that Special Agents R. M. Austin and D. O. Smith had departed by plane from Birmingham at 6:30 P.M. for St. Petersburg, Florida, and that Special Agent Chapman Fletcher had left Atlanta by train at 9:10 P.M.

After the conversation with Mr. Clegg it was learned that there were no airplane facilities out of Atlanta, Ga. until this afternoon, and that Special Agent Fletcher, had he waited until then, would not have been able to reach St. Petersburg until tonight. However, by departing from Atlanta via the railroad, he could leave Atlanta at 9:10 P.M. and arrive in St. Petersburg at 12:40 P.M. today.

The best train service out of Birmingham for St. Petersburg, Florida, would have been to depart from Birmingham at 11:55 P.M. on February 14th, arriving in St. Petersburg at 4:30 A.M. on February 15th. Efforts to secure plane facilities through the Alabama National Guard were unsuccessful, inasmuch as their planes for night flying were in the shop.

There was secured, however, a plane and the services of Captain John Donaldson, a Birmingham pilot, who was recommended by Col. Theodore Swann, with the result that Special Agents D. O. Smith and R. M. Austin departed from Birmingham at approximately 6:30 P.M., going by way of Atlanta, Ga., where through the further cooperation of Col. Swann, Mr. Boutelle of the Department of Commerce, Aeronautics Service, had arranged for another plane to take these agents from Atlanta to St. Petersburg, Florida, it being expected that they would arrive in St. Petersburg by 4 A.M. on the 15th, or prior thereto, depending on flying conditions.

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It was necessary to substitute Special Agent D. O. Smith

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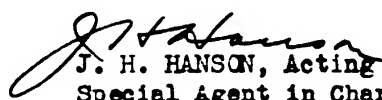
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on this assignment for Special Agent M. J. Sherry, who Mr. Clegg had requested to take this assignment with another agent, inasmuch as Agent Sherry's wife was ill, which was not known at the time of telephonic conversation with Mr. Clegg.

Special Agents Smith and Austin carried with them the machine gun and equipment, and riot shot gun No. 368696 assigned to this office.

Very truly yours,

  
J. H. HANSON, Acting  
Special Agent in Charge.

cc-Jacksonville.

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November 19, 1938

Special Agent in Charge  
Salt Lake City, UtahRE: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS  
ROY JOHN FRISCH,  
VICTIM - KIDNAPING

Dear Sir:

The Bureau is in receipt of a letter from William E. Gallagher, Identification Officer in the office of the Sheriff, Lander County, Austin, Nevada, copies of which are transmitted herewith, together with copies of the Bureau's reply thereto dated November 5, 1938.

It is noted that in the letter from Mr. Gallagher, it is indicated that a skeleton was found on the desert, fifteen miles east of Austin, Nevada, which has not been identified. It is also noted that apparently the teeth of the skeleton were located, and your attention is invited to the fact that according to John Paul Chase, the body of Roy John Frisch was disposed of in the general vicinity of Austin, Nevada.

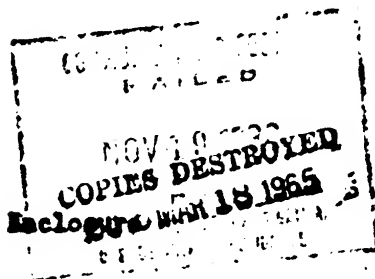
Reference is made to a letter from the Salt Lake City Division to the Bureau dated September 11, 1938, forwarding to the Bureau a dental chart of Roy John Frisch's teeth, and reference is also made to Bureau letter to the Salt Lake City Division dated September 24, 1938, transmitting four photostatic copies of this dental chart to your office.

The Bureau desires that you immediately contact the office of the Sheriff of Lander County, and conduct an appropriate investigation to determine if the skeleton referred to is that of Roy John Frisch.

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Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.

EPC:ON

February 16, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. NATHAN.

Mr. Fay called from New York with regard to the Bremer clothing and stated that Mr. Constantine, machinery manufacturer in New York, had stated that the woolen sock might well be identified by Mr. J. B. Glasner of the Rockford Mitten and Hosiery Mills, Rockford, Illinois, who is also secretary of the Woolen Hosiery Institute. I immediately forwarded by registered air mail to the Chicago office one of these socks and telegraphed this information to them. Mr. Fay is retaining the other sock in a future effort to identify it in his district.

At the same time I informed Mr. Fay that the shirt given Bremer was enroute to New York and that if it would be necessary to canvass all shirt manufacturers the Division would forward photographs to the necessary field offices upon his request.

Respectfully,

*E. P. Coffey*  
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This is a full-rate Telegram or Cablegram unless its deferred character is indicated by a suitable sign above or preceding the address.

R. B. WHITE  
PRESIDENT

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CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

J. C. WELLS  
FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT

WESTERN  
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U. S. Department of Justice  
1216 Smith Young Tower  
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Director,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Washington, D. C.

UNKNOWN SUBJECTS  
EDWARD G. BREMER, Victim  
Kidnaping

Dear Sir:

Reference is had to telegram of February 12, 1934, requesting immediate vigorous attention to all leads in this district concerning Eddie Doll alias Eddie LaRue.

This subject was arrested in San Antonio, Texas, on January 15, 1926, by City Detectives Joe Harris and Geo. Stendebach. He was at that time a carnival follower and was picked up as a suspicious person. He was fingerprinted, San Antonio Police Department #3455 and as no previous record was found and there were no charges made against him he was released. He was picked up at a rooming house at 305 Madison Street, San Antonio, Texas, at that time, in company with Martin Thomas Lyons alias Joe Miller alias Marvin T. Lyons alias Geo. Miller, S. A. Police #3456 and Raymond Patrick Walsh alias Dan Logan, S.A. Police #3457.

A check on Martin Thomas Lyons failed to develop that he was wanted and as there was no local charge against him he was likewise released.

The fingerprint record of Raymond Patrick Walsh at that time reflected that as Morgan, #14294 Indiana State Reformatory, while serving a sentence of from 10 to 21 years he escaped over the wall on Sept. 21, 1925. Walsh was held as an escaped prisoner however he sued out a writ of habeas corpus before Judge W. W. McCrory who fixed his bond at \$4,000.00 which was promptly furnished in cash and forfeited by Walsh.

Quoted herewith are personal descriptions and records of the three above mentioned individuals at the time of their arrest in San Antonio and such subsequent record as has been received by the S.A. Police Department Identification Bureau:

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Doll, Walsh and Lyons had only been in San Antonio a short time and had come to San Antonio together. They all disappeared from San Antonio immediately after this arrest.

City Detective Joe Harris (now retired) advised that he has not seen Doll alias LaRue since the arrest in 1926. Detective George Stendsbach left the Police Department here several years ago and his present whereabouts is unknown.

Chief of Police Owen Kilday who was at the time of the arrest of these three men the Identification man of the Police Department, fingerprinted the three. He remembers them well and states that he would know Doll or the other two at any time and has never seen the three men since their arrest in 1926.

The rooming house at 305 Madison Street, San Antonio, has changed hands 10 or 12 times since 1926 and no information of any kind was obtained at that place.

Fortunately Identification Order #1224 was recently issued on Doll showing him to be wanted for a violation of the National Motor Vehicle Theft Act, consequently no disclosures were made to the Police here concerning his being a suspect in the Bremer case, however, the proper contacts at the Police Department were told that we are very anxious to locate Doll and if any information was obtained concerning him or either of the two other men arrested with him in 1926, this office should be promptly advised as we desired to place Doll under surveillance before taking him into custody.

I am attaching hereto one photograph each of Doll, Walsh and Lyons and I am also furnishing the same photographs with copies of this letter to the Chicago and St. Paul offices.

It is suggested that Possibly Walsh and Lyons are still connected with Doll and for that reason it should possibly be ascertained whether or not Lyons as George Miller is still confined in the Illinois State Penitentiary, as they may also be involved in the instant case.

Proper contacts have been made through certain under-world connections as well as all of the prominent hotels, tourist camps, garages and apartment houses in San Antonio looking to the receipt of any information concerning the possible appearance of Doll, Walsh or Lyons in San Antonio, and the Division and the St. Paul office will be promptly advised by tele-

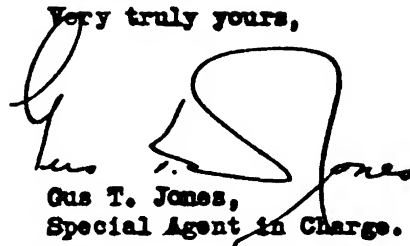
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phone concerning any information received.

Very truly yours,



Gus T. Jones,  
Special Agent in Charge.

cc Chicago  
cc St. Paul  
cc Jacksonville

P.S. Since dictating the above letter, telegram was received from the Director advising that Doll was in custody in St. Petersburg, Fla., consequently a copy of this letter, together with photographs are also being furnished the Jacksonville office.



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SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE  
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RE BREMER KIDNAPING LETTER SENT YOU YESTERDAY DEFINITELY ESTABLISHED  
PROBABLY AS MAXINE MILLER ACQUAINTANCE OF EDWARD LARUE  
RESIDING PATRICIA HOTEL MIAMI FLORIDA TWELFTH DISTRICT DIVISION REQUESTS  
IMMEDIATE INTERVIEW CONCERNING ACTIVITIES LARUE

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Department of Justice

1900 Bankers Building,  
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Director,  
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Dear Sir:

RE: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS,  
Edward G. Bremer - Victim,  
Kidnaping. Chicago File #7-82.

With reference to your telegram of February 12, 1934, please be advised that the following investigation was conducted.

Efforts were made to locate ~~Maxine Miller~~, alias Maxine Miller, alias M. Meyers, at 1430 North Dearborn Street, Chicago, Illinois, at which place it was learned that M. Meyers had left this hotel on November 16, 1933, without leaving any forwarding address, and that the only persons in this building who were acquainted with her and might know of her present whereabouts are Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hubbard, who have gone to California. The Hubbarts left this address about one week after M. Meyers moved out and their present whereabouts in California are unknown.

After checking the Chicago Post Office without success, efforts were made to locate ~~Maxine Miller~~ at her former address, 1728 North LaSalle Street, at which place interview was had with Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Haney, Apartment 3W, telephone, Diversey 9740, who stated that ~~Maxine Miller~~, under the name of Maxine Miller, had been residing at this apartment until about three weeks ago and that she then left for Florida, but that her present address is unknown; however, the Haney's stated that they received a postal card from her and inspection of this card determined that it was sent from Miami, Florida, on February 8, 1934. This card was a picture of the Patricia Hotel, Fort Dallas Park, Miami, Florida. In this connection, a letter was addressed to the Jacksonville Office, under date of February 14, 1934, requesting investigation at Miami in an effort to find ~~Maxine Miller~~.

The Haney's also stated that they were holding a letter for ~~Maxine Miller~~ which was dated February 7, 1934, and appeared to be from ~~Maxine Miller's~~ mother. The return address on the envelope is ~~Maxine Miller's~~ mother. The name of ~~Maxine Miller's~~ mother does not appear on this envelope.

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Mrs. Haney advised that Miss Mueller, who was known to her as Maxine Miller, had on one or two occasions spoken about LaRue, but such references to his name did not indicate that she was very well acquainted with him, but rather that she knew him only through having met him two or three times at Kansas City, Missouri. She said that on one occasion [redacted] met LaRue in a saloon owned by Sammy Sadlow, reference to which appears in letter from the Kansas City Office to the Chicago Office dated September 13, 1933, in the case of Verne Miller, with aliases, et al. On another occasion Miss Mueller met LaRue in a hotel in Kansas City, at which time LaRue was using the name of Martin. The Haney's said that Miss Mueller at the present time is very much afraid of meeting LaRue or of conversing with Government officers. The Haney's were furnished the address and telephone number of the Chicago Office and promised to advise this office immediately in the event that they receive more definite information regarding Miss Mueller's whereabouts. The Haney's also advised that while in Chicago Miss Mueller was very friendly with one Maxine Davis, alias Maxine Kaplan, who resided at the Dearborn Plaza Hotel, 1032 North Dearborn Street, and that they understood that Maxine Davis has likewise gone to Florida.

Charles F. ...  
Edward ...

At the Dearborn Plaza Hotel interview was had with Mr. M. Stein, Manager, who stated that Maxine Davis left this hotel for Miami, Florida, about one week ago. He said that she did not leave any forwarding address and that her present whereabouts in Miami is unknown. He also advised that he did not know any Maxine Miller or any acquaintance of Miss Davis by the name of Miller or Meyers. However, he did furnish the names of one Ruth Miller, wife of the man who operates the Minnette Club on Rush Street, in Chicago, and one Betty Miller, residing at the Hotel Walton, 1019 North Dearborn Street, Chicago. Betty Miller is said by Mr. Stein to be a very good friend of Maxine Davis.

Efforts to locate Betty Miller at the Hotel Walton have been unavailing up to this time. However, further efforts will be made in this regard in order that it may be determined whether this woman knows anything of the whereabouts of [redacted].

Arrangements are presently being made for an interview with Louis "Doc" Stacey, former owner of the O. P. Inn, known hoodlum hangout, for information regarding the possible whereabouts of LaRue.

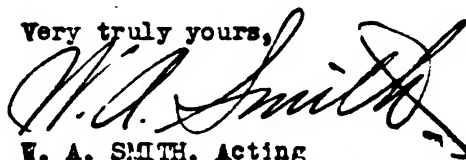
Since the preparation of this letter, interview has been had with Betty Miller, who advised that she received a telegram from Maxine Davis from the Patricia Hotel in Miami, Florida, on February 12, 1934. Betty Miller advised that Maxine Davis and [redacted] were in Miami together. She also stated that in the event she is able to

obtain further information regarding the present whereabouts of [redacted]  
[redacted], whom she knows as Maxine Miller, she will advise the Chicago  
Office.

In pursuance of this information a telegram is today being  
sent to the Jacksonville Office advising them of the fact that [redacted]  
Mueller was in Miami on February 12, 1934, at the Patricia Hotel.

Louis "Doc" Stacey of Melrose Park, Illinois, today called  
at the Chicago Office and was interviewed by Special Agents J. L. Madala  
and J. J. Metcalfe, at which time he advised that he did not know [redacted]  
[redacted] under her true name, or aliases, nor did he know Eddie LaRue.  
He was unable to identify the picture of LaRue and although questioned  
at great length he was unable to furnish any information that might be  
of value to this investigation.

Very truly yours,



W. A. SMITH, Acting  
Special Agent in Charge.

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CC: St. Paul  
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1900 BANKERS BUILDING  
CHICAGO, ILL.

AIR MAIL  
SPECIAL DELIVERY

February 16, 1934

RE: EDWARD S. BREMER, Victim  
KIDNAPING

Mr. R. A. Alt,  
Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
A/o City Jail,  
St. Petersburg, Florida.

Dear Sir:

Reference should be had to the signed statement of  
EDWARD A. WOLVERTON, forwarded to you at St. Petersburg, Florida,  
on February 14, 1934, via air mail, special delivery.

It is suggested that you consider the advisability  
of having Mr. and Mrs. Wolvorton brought to St. Petersburg, for the  
purpose of identifying Eddie LaRue in that kidnaping. It is  
suggested that this procedure may be of some assistance in securing  
information from him in regard to the Bremer matter.

If this course is decided upon, it is desired that  
this office be notified immediately, so that proper arrangements  
may be made with Mr. and Mrs. Wolvorton.

Very truly yours,

J. E. HATTE

Acting Special Agent in Charge.

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FEBRUARY 14, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
803 Post Office Building,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

RE: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;  
EDWARD G. BREMER - VICTIM  
KIDNAPING

Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith three copies of a memorandum submitted to me by Special Agent J. R. Calhoun relative to information State Sheriff F. C. Benton, of Lincoln, Nebraska, desires to submit relative to the possibility of one William Patterson being involved in the above captioned case.

Very truly yours,

E. E. CONROY  
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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Lincoln, Nebraska  
February 12, 1934.

MEMORANDUM:

IN RE: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS  
EDWARD G. BREMER - VICTIM  
KIDNAPING

Wm. Patterson - suspect.

Upon receipt of telegram from S.A.C. Conroy I interviewed State Sheriff F. G. Benton, Lincoln, Nebraska, Capitol Building, who advised me that Mr. H. A. Moseman, a contractor now at 318 South 12th St., Lincoln, Nebr., had told of a possible kidnaping lead.

According to Mr. Benton, Mr. Moseman had gone to his home at Fremont, Nebr., during the past weekend and had been told by a boy that one Wm. Patterson had come into Fremont, Nebr., on Thursday, Feb. 8, 1934, and was accompanied by his wife who was formerly Bobbie Erickson of Sioux City, Iowa. The pair had a Buick coupe bearing a Dakota County license in Nebraska (No. 70-7). The boy told Mr. Moseman that the Buick had a machine gun mounted under the dash; that Patterson carried two weapons on his person; that the woman had a coat trimmed with a heavy fur collar and heavy cuffs and that she carried a small automatic pistol in each cuff. The pair came to Fremont from Sioux Falls, S. Dak. and were supposed to have been in Minneapolis and St. Paul recently. Patterson was supposed to get mail at Dallas, Texas, and at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, and the pair rode all about the country, particularly Colorado and Montana. Patterson has a cousin named Earl Gowie (spelling uncertain) believed to be mixed up in petty thefts and to have been involved with some men named Jones in stealing wire in Fremont and taking it to Sioux City, Iowa. Patterson's home is said to be at Whiting, Iowa and Gowie did live at Lyons, Nebraska.

State Sheriff Benton telephoned Mr. Moseman, who came to his office. Mr. Benton learned that there was no record of the registration of a Buick or any other car in the name of Wm. Patterson, Bobbie Patterson, or Bobbie Erickson in Dakota County, Nebraska, in which South Sioux City is located.

Mr. Moseman stated that he employed Wm. Patterson as a laborer at Whiting, Iowa, about 1922 and that the man was a gambler and a reputed "dope addict". He stated that he, himself, saw

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Patterson in Fremont on Saturday P.M. and that Patterson left supposedly for Omaha. Mr. Mosman stated that his informant was [redacted], a boy about 19 years of age, in Fremont, a distant cousin to Patterson. The boy told him of seeing the machine gun and of seeing a handbag filled with paper money and that the boy was afraid to tell his parents. The boy told him the woman went to Sioux Falls, S. Dak., about Feb. 4th or 8th and brought Patterson to Fremont about the 8th. Patterson seemed to have plenty of money the past few years but never worked at anything, according to Mr. Mosman. A description of the pair was furnished by Mr. Mosman, and the above information was furnished by telephone to S.A.C. Conroy in view of the fact that the payment of the ransom money in the Bremer case was on Feb 7th, according to Mr. Benton.

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Mr. Mosman, this Agent and a deputy from Mr. Benton's office drove to Fremont, Nebr., and Mr. Mosman brought [redacted] to Agent for interview. [redacted] appeared fearful that the information furnished might get him into trouble, but he was assured that his name would be held in confidence. He stated that it was several months ago that he saw a machine gun in Patterson's car and that the pair came to Fremont on Friday, Feb. 9th, and had supper at the home of [redacted] parents. He stated that he did not get into the Buick Coupe, a 1935 model, gray-green in color, but that Patterson said he bought the car recently for cash, place not stated. [redacted] said he did not know what address Patterson used in Oklahoma City or Dallas, or what friends he had in Minnesota, South Dakota, Montana, or Colorado. He stated that Patterson had no home address but hailed from Whiting, Iowa, where two sisters work at the telephone exchange. He said Patterson was supposed to have married this woman about 6 years ago in Sioux City, Iowa, and that her father was Swedish and her mother Italian.

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[redacted] stated that if Patterson should return he would endeavor to secure the license number of the car, as well as the motor and serial numbers, and would secure all possible information as to the points visited and the associates of Patterson. He asserted that he did not see any actual money but that there was a brief case in the car stuffed with something that appeared to be money. It was locked, but he ran his hand into it at the side and thought it contained currency. He was furnished a franked envelope addressed to the Kansas City Office.

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Enroute to Lincoln from Fremont Mr. Mosman told Agent that [redacted] appeared frightened and had "back-fired" on statements

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previously made to him; that he would talk with [redacted] again to endeavor to secure any real information and would send the same to the Kansas City Office.

Mr. Patterson - 44 yrs; 5'8"; 180 lbs.; medium build and complexion; brown hair; eyes blue or grey; gambler; nervous disposition; no permanent address but has relatives in Whiting, Iowa; has 1923 Grey-green Buick Coupe with 90-7 Nebraska 1924 plates. No known criminal record.

Bobbie Patterson, alias Bobbie Erickson, 38 years; medium stout; dark hair; eyes and complexion; married to Patterson; home formerly Sioux City, Iowa.

Respectfully submitted:

J. E. CALHOUN  
SPECIAL AGENT

U. S. Bureau of Investigation

Department of Justice

Post Office Box 314  
Birmingham, Alabama

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February 15, 1934

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Director,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Washington, D.C.

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS  
Edward G. Bremer - Victim  
Kidnaping

Dear Sir:

This is to confirm telegram from this office today advising that one hundred and fifty (150) additional lists of the numbers on the bank notes paid as ransom in the above case are needed by this office in order to completely circularize the banks in this district.

There were received in this office yesterday a shipment of these lists and after finishing mailing them out yesterday evening it was determined that one hundred and fifty additional lists are needed to circularize the balance of the banks in the district.

Very truly yours,

*J. E. Hanson*  
J. E. HANSON, Acting  
Special Agent in Charge.

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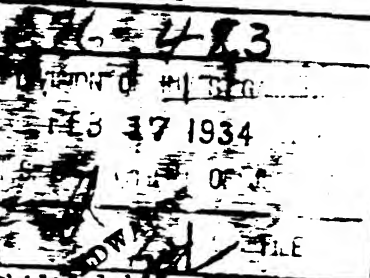


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February 15, 1934.

Director,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:-



In response to the letter from the Philadelphia office, dated February 11, 1934, setting out requests requiring firms to be contacted in the Cincinnati territory, it is advised that Special Agent H. D. Harris contacted Messrs. W. W. Brown and Luther Lalendorf, in charge of design for the Columbus Wall Paper Corporation, makers of "Wall-Tex" and with whom he had been in contact in connection with all their products since their establishment in 1925. It was definitely ascertained that this company had never had a design even remotely resembling the design in question.

It should be stated that the Columbus Wall Paper Corporation does not manufacture any wall paper, its product being a wall fabric. It is, however, a manufacturer of distinguishing this product from a wall paper since upon closer inspection this product is used almost exclusively in the better type of dwellings, its cost being several times that of wall paper. This wall fabric was made only in tile designs; since then it has been made in a number of the more conventional designs. The Cincinnati office advised however, that the cost of such a design is so high that it prohibits their experimenting in unusual patterns and that they are positive this organization could not have produced the design in question, and as above indicated a check of all their designs since 1925 was unproductive.

In St. Louis, Ohio Agent Harris also contacted Mr. O. J. Hennings, President, Chicago Wall Paper Manufacturing Company, and his son, Mr. Herbert Hennings. These gentlemen advised that from their knowledge of wall paper design they would say that the one in question was approximately four or five years old, and that designs similar in character were manufactured by FRED BRANDY, COURTLANDT, NEW YORK, on a larger scale than any other manufacturer. They further advised that

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they are quite positive that they have never manufactured a paper having a design of the character of that described. They made available to Agent samples of their present line, and of the previous three years, and with Mr. O. J. Hennings an examination was made of these, but nothing could be found which would even approximate the description of the design in question. Mr. Hennings also made an examination of samples of paper made by a number of other organizations in a further attempt to identify the desired paper. He explained that so far as his own product is concerned he has kept no samples of the product made previous to the last four years, and that the only place he knows where they might now be found would be at some of the "book houses" advising that the ISGO COMPANY in Chicago, Illinois and the HENRY BOSCH CO., Chicago, would undoubtedly have available their sample books for a number of years, which would contain samples of the product of a number of manufacturers, but that if the correct sample were identified it would be quite easy to ascertain the manufacturer.

Mr. Hennings also advised that a very large amount of cheap wall paper is sold by SEARS & ROEBUCK and by MONTGOMERY WARD, and suggested that a check might be made of their sample books as well as the check on the manufacturers.

Very truly yours,



N. B. KLEIN, Acting  
Special Agent in Charge.

CC St. Paul (2)  
New York (2)  
Chicago (2)  
Philadelphia.

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February 15, 1934.

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Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Post Office Box 515,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

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Dear Sir:

In connection with your investigation into the source of the clothing in the case entitled Unknown Subjects, Edward G. Bremer, et al.; Kidnaping, there are being transmitted under separate cover in addition to the photographs previously furnished your office six sets, each set consisting of six photographs, of this clothing showing various detailed characteristics of the same. It is believed this detail will be of assistance to your agents in locating the retailer of these articles.

As previously indicated the manufacturer of the underswear has been identified and investigation is now being conducted by the New York office with a view to identifying the maker of the socks and the shirt.

It would appear the three articles of clothing, however, were possibly purchased at the same time from the same retailer and for this reason investigation should proceed immediately upon receipt of lists of dealers in your district who handle the underswear in question.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Illinois	DATE WHEN MADE: 2-14-34	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 2-9, 10-34	REPORT MADE BY: V.W. PETERSON
UNKNOWN SUBJECTS EDWARD G. O'BRIEN, Victim			CHARACTER OF CASE: KIDNAPING

Gust Chiaverotti and Ben Larson arrested Milwaukee, Wisconsin on February 9, 1934 at which time there were found in their possession large sums of bills in denominations of \$20, \$10 and \$5.00. Serial numbers of bills found in possession of Chiaverotti and Larson did not correspond with Bremer Ransom notes.

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**DETAILS:**

**AT MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN**

The writer has been conducting investigation for a considerable length of time for the purpose of locating Gust Chiaverotti and his associates Charlie Succi and Joe Massar in order to question them concerning the case entitled [redacted] et al, National Motor Vehicle Theft Act, Chicago file #26-5428. On February 9, 1934 Detective John Fridie, Milwaukee Police Department who has cooperated with agent on a few occasions in attempting to locate Chiaverotti, telephoned the writer that Gust Chiaverotti had been arrested on the previous night while driving the Ford Coach of one Ben Larson who was also arrested.

George Schwartz and Joseph Schueke, Police officers, Station number 4, 2156 South Allis Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, were interviewed. They stated that they had received a report on a car bearing a Minnesota license; that about ten o'clock on the night of

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February 8, 1934 they observed a Ford Coach bearing a Minnesota license at Kinnickinnic and East Bay Street,, Milwaukee; that Chiaverotti was alone in the car at this time; that he drove the car through an arterial stop sign without stopping; that they, Schwartz and Schucks, followed the car to East Bay and Lennox and from Lennox to East Lincoln before they could compel Chiaverotti to stop the Ford Coach; that upon arresting him they found a .32 calibre automatic Colt revolver and nine hundred sixty dollars in bills of five, ten and twenty dollar denominations; that upon being questioned about the automobile he was driving, Chiaverotti stated that same belonged to Ben Larson who was alleged to be in Room 909 of the Tower Building, Milwaukee; that Ben Larson was arrested at the given address and that there were found on his person bills of \$5.00, \$10.00 and \$20.00 denominations in the total sum of eight hundred ninety dollars.

It was thought possible that the notes found in the possession of Gust Chiaverotti and Ben Larson might have been part of the ransom notes in the instant case. The writer made a complete list of the serial numbers and description of the notes found in the possession of Chiaverotti and upon authorization of Acting Special Agent in Charge, W.A. Smith forwarded the list of serial numbers of the notes to the St. Paul office in order that same might be compared with the list of serial numbers of the notes comprising the ransom money in the Bremer Kidnaping case.

Frank Prohaska, Captain of Detectives, Milwaukee, Wisconsin Police Department, was contacted and a request was made to hold Gust Chiaverotti and Ben Larson without allowing them outside communication until the serial numbers of the notes could be checked. Captain Prohaska stated that he would be unable to hold said individuals subsequent to noon of Saturday, February 10, 1934. Agent appeared before U.S. Commissioner Floyd E. Jenkins, Milwaukee, Wisconsin on February 10, 1934 at which time a complaint was filed against Gust Chiaverotti charging him with the possession and disposition of Cadillac Sedan, Motor #802,679, the property of H.R. Graves, Bemidji, Minnesota knowing the same to have been stolen and transported in interstate commerce, to wit: from Bemidji, Minnesota to Medford, Wisconsin. Upon failing to hear from the St. Paul office by noon, February 10, 1934 relative to the notes, agent made further arrangements with the police department to hold Ben Larson until communication was received from the St. Paul office. A telegram was received from Special Agent in Charge Hanni, St. Paul in the evening of February 10, 1934 in which it was stated that the numbers furnished by agent did not correspond with the notes of the Bremer ransom money and the Milwaukee Police Department was immediately notified to release Ben Larson.

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Ben Larson upon interview advised that he resides in Grand Rapids, Minnesota (Box 451 Grand Rapids, Minnesota); that he has been in the illegal liquor business; that his liquor operations necessitate him traveling between Grand Rapids, Minnesota, Bemidji, Minnesota, Minneapolis, Minnesota and Milwaukee, Wisconsin; that he is also a distributor of slot machines; that his partner in liquor and slot machine activities is one Oscar Olson of Grand Rapids, Minnesota; that in the winter of 1932-33 he was engaged in trucking fruit in Florida; that his partner in this venture was Elmer Oien who now resides in International Falls, Minnesota; that he now delivers liquor to said Elmer Oien in International Falls, Minnesota; that he, Ben Larson, maintains an apartment in Minneapolis where telephone calls are received pertaining to liquor; that said apartment is located at 416 East Fifteenth Street, Apartment number 27, Minneapolis; that during his absence his telephone calls are received by Gladys Sprague and Molly Bergman who live in the apartment; that the apartment is rented in the name of B. Johnson; that in connection with his liquor operations, he, Ben Larson, contacts Benny Moses who acts in the capacity of broker for bootleggers; that Benny Moses has an office in a building in Minneapolis which is located on Washington Street; that Izzy Wolt, who was arrested in connection with the Urschell Kidnaping has an office in the same building; that Benny Moses is also acquainted with Kidd Cann (phonetic spelling) Barney Berman and Cliff Skelley who are known as the "Combination"; that said individuals also maintain offices in the building in which Benny Moses is located and that Skelley and Barney Berman were convicted in the Urschell Kidnaping case. Ben Larson stated that he is not acquainted with any of these individuals with the exception of Benny Moses. According to Ben Larson, Benny Moses is listed in the Minneapolis telephone directory.

With reference to the Bremer kidnaping case, Ben Larson denied that he is in possession of any information whatever. He stated that the money found on his person was received from various customers who were indebted to him for liquor. In answer to a specific question relative thereto, Ben Larson stated that he received about \$125 from Pete Anderson, Bemidji, Minnesota, about \$200 from Elmer Oien, International Falls, Minnesota and about \$75 from Malcolm Campbell, Deer River, Minnesota. He further stated that a part of the money was collected by his employees and he is unable to state definitely the names of the individuals from whom the money was obtained. Ben Larson claimed that he did not know that



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Edward G. Bremer had been released or that the ransom money had been paid until he arrived in Milwaukee where he read about the release of Bremer in the newspapers. He further stated that according to information contained in newspaper accounts, the ransom money was paid subsequent to the time he obtained the bills found in his possession.

Gust Chiaverotti, 1727 South 11th Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin was interviewed in the Milwaukee City Jail with reference to the Bremer kidnaping case. He stated that he has been in Milwaukee constantly during the past several weeks; that he has been in Minneapolis on one occasion only during his lifetime and that he positively is in possession of no information relative to the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer. Chiaverotti admitted that he has been engaged in the liquor business. He stated that until a few days ago he maintained an office in Room 202, Tower Building, Milwaukee, Wisconsin and that he was associated with one Al Diamond. In this connection it may be stated that the wife of Chiaverotti was interviewed by the writer under a pretext on February 1, 1934 at which time she advised that if inquiry were made at room 202 in the Tower Building for Gust Roddy (an alias of Chiaverotti) he could probably be contacted. Agent was called out of the city on other official business and upon making investigation at the Tower Building on February 5, 1934 information was received that Al Diamond and Gust Roddy, who formerly occupied Room 202 in the Tower Building, had moved on February 5, 1934 to an unknown address. It was stated that they were located at 202 Tower Building, Milwaukee for the past two or three months.

With reference to the nine hundred sixty dollars found in the possession of Chiaverotti at the time of his arrest, he stated that he had collected same only a short time prior to his arrest in Watertown, Wisconsin. He admitted that this money was paid for liquor which he had sold. After a considerable amount of questioning he advised that the money was received from one Jack Meyer, Watertown, Wisconsin.

Frank Prohaske, Captain Detective Bureau, Milwaukee, Wisconsin Police Department exhibited to agent a telegram which he received from Sheriff Elmer Matson, Grand Rapids, Minnesota in which it was stated that it was known that Ben Larson had departed from Grand Rapids, Minnesota on February 8, 1934 for Milwaukee; and that he was known to have had a considerable amount of money in his possession.

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For the information of the file the following descriptions, which were obtained from the Milwaukee Police Department, Bureau of Identification and by personal observation and interview are provided:

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Lane Maloney, Alcoholic Beverage Unit, Division of Investigation, Milwaukee informed the writer that Gust Chiaverotti has been engaged in the liquor business in Milwaukee for many years and that he was formerly a valuable informant for the Prohibition Bureau.

Photographs of Bennie Edward Larson and Gust Chiaverotti were obtained by agent from the Milwaukee Police Department and same are transmitted herewith to the St. Paul office.

It is possible that Benny Moses, referred to in this report, may be able to furnish information of value to the instant investigation in view of his alleged acquaintanceship with individuals who were connected with the Urschell Kidnaping case. It is being left to the discretion of the St. Paul office whether an interview with Benny Moses is deemed advisable.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

February 14, 1934.

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MR. NATHAN.....  
MR. TOLSON.....  
MR. CLEGG.....  
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MR. EDWARDS.....  
MR. EGAN.....  
MR. QUINN.....  
MR. LESTER.....  
MR. LOCKE.....  
MR. MORER.....

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

Mr. Rorer called from St. Paul. He stated that he had interviewed Bremer again. Bremer remembered that a siren, the same as used on police automobiles and fire trucks, used to blow every morning and afternoon when the factory whistle blew. He stated that the siren was stationary and was not moving, and that it was very outstanding that it blew every morning and afternoon when the factory whistle blew. He stated the second Sunday morning he was there the siren sounded three times. Bremer could not give much more information regarding the aeroplanes. He did not hear them at regular intervals but he heard more planes on Sunday than any other day. He stated that the planes did not sound as though they were going in any general direction which would indicate an airport. Bremer further advised that the second Sunday he was there, there was a big thaw; that the sun was shining and it was warmer and he heard water dripping. The St. Paul office is checking the weather reports in this connection. Bremer advised again that both coming and going the travel was through ice and snow because on both trips the car would pull up on the side of the road and other cars would pass in low gear. He stated that he could not give anything definite regarding the snow but he is convinced that they went through a lot of snow. Mr. Rorer stated that one of the most outstanding facts that Bremer reported was that on his trip down he went through a city of street cars and two hours later arrived at his destination. This phase of the matter is being checked by the St. Paul office. Bremer also said that each Saturday afternoon along about six o'clock he would hear church bells ring. This is also being checked by the St. Paul office. Mr. Rorer advised that a wallpaper designer is at St. Paul today and Bremer is describing the wallpaper design to him, from which description the designer is to draw a picture of the paper. Mr. Rorer was advised that the underwear in this case has been identified.

Respectfully,

H. H. Clegg

H. H. Clegg

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Bank of the  
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H. EARLE DOW  
VICE PRESIDENT

February 16, 1934.

Hon. John Edgar Hoover, Director,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Bureau of Investigation,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Will you kindly forward to me at  
the above address, 30 copies of the list of  
bank notes paid as ransom in kidnaping cases,  
together with your memorandum covering same.

Thanking you,

Very truly yours,

*H. Earle Dow*  
Vice President

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February 20, 1934.

Mr. H. Harle Dow,  
Vice President,  
Bank of the Manhattan Company,  
40 Wall Street,  
New York, New York.

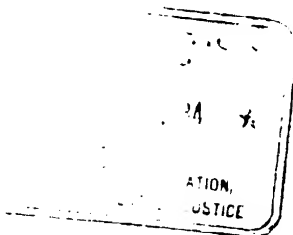
Dear Mr. Dow:

In response to your communication dated February 16, 1934, I am pleased to comply with your request and am today forwarding to you under separate cover 50 copies of the list of bank notes paid as ransom in kidnaping cases.

Sincerely yours,

Director.

CC - Division Office,  
New York, New York.



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Suite 1  
Federal Building  
Kansas City, Missouri.  
February 15, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
503-A U. S. Court House and Post Office Bldg.,  
Salt Lake City, Utah.

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Dear Sir:

RE: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS  
EDWARD G. BREWER - Victim  
KIDNAPING

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent A. H. Gere, Salt Lake City, Utah, October 24, 1933, in the case of Vernon C. Miller, with aliases, et al, Conspiracy to Deliver Federal Prisoner, Salt Lake City File 82-474.

In connection with the BREWER KIDNAPING CASE, the Division has requested this office to endeavor to establish the identity at the earliest possible date of the individuals referred to in that report as "Old Fitz" alias Charley and "Big" Homer, alias "Swede" Pilly.

There is transmitted herewith an enlarged photograph of CHARLES J. FITZGERALD, Kansas State Penitentiary No. 6521, who it is believed is the individual referred to as "Old Fitz" alias Charley." It is requested that the enclosed photograph be exhibited to ARTHUR JOHNSON at Canon City, Colorado, at the earliest possible date to ascertain if he can identify the photograph as that of the individual referred to in the above mentioned report as Old Fitz.

Very truly yours,

E. Z. CONROY  
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE.

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Tampa, Florida,  
February 16, 1934.

Director,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Washington, D.C.

Re: Edward Doll, with aliases  
I.O. 1214

Dear Sir:

With reference to the registered air-mail package that was mailed in Danville, Vermont, to Doris Foley, St. Petersburg, Florida, by her brother, Glenn Crane, this package was received in St Petersburg yesterday, February 15th, and when the mail carrier delivered it to Doris Foley, wife of Edward Foley, with many aliases, it was seized by the United States Marshal. It contained \$900.00 in currency consisting of eighteen five-dollar bills and the remainder in ten-dollar bills. The numbers appearing on these bills were furnished to the Division yesterday and today by long distance telephone. I am inclosing herewith a list of the numbers in confirmation of my telephone conversation.

Respectfully,

R. A. Alt,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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Edward J. Bremer

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Patrons should check class of service desired. Otherwise message will be transmitted as a full-rate communication.

# WESTERN UNION

R. B. WHITE  
PRESIDENT

NEWCOMB CARLTON  
CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

A. C. WELLESLEY  
FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT

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PAID

Send the following message, subject to the terms on back hereof, which are hereby agreed to

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DALLAS, TEXAS FEBRUARY 13, 1934

WERNER HANNI  
DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION  
U S DEPT OF JUSTICE  
203 POST OFFICE BLDG  
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0 BREMER KIDNAPPING DUKE AND AYRES INC DALLAS OPERATE CHAIN OF FIVE CENT TO ONE DOLLAR STORES THIRTY EIGHT STORES IN TEXAS AND IN DURANT AND ARDMORE, OKLAHOMA FLASHLIGHTS BOUGHT FROM UNITED STATES ELECTRIC MANUFACTURING COMPANY NUMBERING FIVE HUNDRED TEN DISTRIBUTED TO ALL THEIR STORES STOP PURCHASES COVER PERIOD MAY THIRTY THREE TO JANUARY INSTANT STOP SINCE NO DEALERS IN TERRITORIES NAMED IN NEW YORK WIRE DO YOU DESIRE CHECK MADE OF THE FORTY STORES

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

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Division of Investigation

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Washington, D. C.

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MR. NATHAN .....  
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MR. RORER .....

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

Mr. Rorer called. He has obtained a few more details. Rorer has presented to Bremer the question as to Bremer's credibility and Bremer admits that if he were not himself he probably would not believe his story. He also admits that his kidnapers were not whispering. One of them yelled at him, in fact, on one occasion and he now admits, under pressure, that he might be able to identify a voice. He advised further that there was a vacuum cleaner running in the next room to him on one occasion. He gives a rather indefinite description of a curtain over the window that was boarded up. The kitchen stove evidently burned coal. He heard them shoveling coal into it and there seemed to be a coal bin downstairs. The entrance to the basement was through the kitchen. After the kidnaping it appeared that they were going through snow - at least one of the men indicated they had had a hard drive through the snow. Returning he thought they were going through snowdrifts because they had to drive up to the side of the road to let another car pass. Rorer has tried to frighten him into talking. He has informed Bremer that it was his duty and Bremer said "To Hell with duty". Bremer claims the kidnapers treated him fine. Rorer thinks it is the chance of a coin toss as to whether the facts which he is giving are true; that one man's opinion is as good as another; that Bremer does not want to be confronted with an identification, although he states that if the house is found he believed he could identify it even though the wallpaper was torn off. Rorer states he is now handling himself with a little more poise than heretofore.

I read to Mr. Rorer the telegram from Mr. N. C. Grey, Information Agent, Farm Credit Administration, Omaha, addressed to Mr. Keenan, concerning a description of the farm and asked Rorer if it was practical to proceed on that. He thought it was not because all information received indicated that he was in a city or a town and not on a farm, on account of whistles, bells and automobiles.

I again gave them the name of Jack Davenport as the suspected writer of the Holland, Michigan, bank notes.

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I asked Mr. Nathan if he had talked with ex-Sheriff Brown. He had. Brown knew nothing definite. Three men had talked with an employee on a farm about the son of the owner of the farm on one occasion and this was one case, and on another occasion an automobile stopped sideways on the road, but this might have been a planned stick-up, and no offense was committed at the time, and this is the only definite information that Mr. Brown had.

I asked Mr. Nathan if he thought it was time for the Attorney General to make the statement and he said he did. He believed it was just as well to "go ahead and shoot" on it; that it was too bad when a victim was returned and quite obviously was blocking the administration of justice in this manner. Rorer's opinion was sought and he too thought it just as well for the statement to be given out. Rorer both yesterday and today warned Bremer that such a statement would be issued. A rough draft of such a statement has been forwarded to your office.

Respectfully,

H. H. Clegg

WDD:aw  
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526 1/2 Post Office Building,  
New Orleans, Louisiana  
February 14, 1934

Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Post Office Box 515,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

AIR MAIL SPECIAL DELIVERY

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;  
EDWARD G. BREMER (VICTIM);  
KIDNAPING.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to letter from the Detroit Division Office to the St. Paul Division Office dated 1-9-34, and to Division telegram dated 2-12-34.

The statement of Katherine Kelly, reflected in letter of reference, that about September 1932 she and George Kelly were residing in an apartment at 6000 St. Charles Avenue under the name of R. G. Shannon and wife, and that there George Kelly received a telegram from Eddie Larus, was immediately considered in connection with the fact that on 8-25-33 investigation was made at 8000 St. Charles Avenue by the New Orleans Division Office in an effort to locate the Kellys at this latter address, as reflected in letter of the New Orleans Division Office to the Chicago Division Office dated 8-25-33 in the case entitled George Kelly Barnes, with aliases; et al; Kidnaping; New Orleans File 7-9, et al.

It was thought that Katherine Kelly might have a mistaken recollection as to the address at which she had stayed on St. Charles Avenue. Investigation at 6000 St. Charles Avenue by Special Agents E. D. Dickerson, M. and James O. Peyronnin disclosed that E. F. Creekmore has lived there in a private residence of costly construction, since 1931, and has no recollection of the Shannons or Kellys.

Investigation at 8000 St. Charles Avenue disclosed that there is an apartment house at this address, but Mr. and Mrs. L. Zion, owners, upon first interview could neither recall the Kellys nor the Shannons as having been there at any time, either by name or by their photographs.

A check was then made by Special Agent W. D. Dickerson of the records of New Orleans Public Service, Inc., with the assistance of Mr. Jack Stuart, Manager, Contract Division, and it was ascertained that electrical service had been furnished to "R. G. Shannon" at 8000 St. Charles Avenue (Apartment #2) from 11-28-32 until 12-5-32; that service had been discontinued on the last named date, and a check for the deposit refund had been

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mailed to R. G. Shannon, Gulfport, Mississippi, on 12-8-32. Service was not furnished to R. G. Shannon, by this company, at any other time, according to their records.

While this check was being made, L. Zion called the New Orleans Division Office and advised that his wife and the janitor at his apartment house now recalled the Shannons.

Upon reinterview, Mrs. Zion stated to Agent Dickerson that she had been thinking over the name of Shannon and had asked the janitor about it, and he had readily recalled people by that name.

Charles Chatman, colored, janitor, had the following notation in a memorandum book - "R. Shannon, November 1932." He stated that he recalled Mr. and Mrs. Shannon; that they came to 6000 St. Charles Avenue in November 1932 to stay a month but left after one or two weeks. Chatman readily identified the photograph of George Kelly Barnes, though he could not identify Katherine Kelly's photograph, stating that he saw very little of Mrs. Shannon.

Mrs. Zion and Chatman were both questioned as to any old telegrams or as to letters left in the apartment of the Shannons but stated that none were in their possession.

It thus appears that Katherine Kelly was materially truthful in her statement as to residing on St. Charles Avenue in New Orleans, having only made a slight error in the address and the time she was there.

However, when Mr. John C. Jackson, Superintendent of the Western Union Telegraph Company, New Orleans, was contacted by the writer, he advised that all copies of telegrams on file in the office of his company are destroyed after one year from date they are sent or received. Since the telegram from Larue to Kelly was evidently received in November or December 1932, not later than December, it appears that the wording of this telegram cannot be secured from the records of the Western Union Telegraph Company here, and Mr. Jackson so stated.

Very truly yours,

R. Whitley,  
Special Agent in Charge.

cc-  
Division  
Detroit

1900 Bankers Building  
Chicago, Illinois

February 14, 1934

Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Post Office Box 515,  
St. Paul, Minnesota

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS  
EDWARD G. BREMER - VICTIM  
KIDNAPING.  
Chicago File # 7-92

Dear Sir:

This will refer to your letter of February 8, 1934  
in which you enclosed a letter received by Mr. Dickman of  
the Commercial State Bank, St. Paul, Minnesota, mailed at  
Chicago, Illinois on February 4, 1934, which letter was  
signed "L.P.".

You are advised that an advertisement was placed in  
the personal column of the Chicago Tribune, dated February 8th  
and 9th, and that this Office kept in communication with the  
Western Union Company of Chicago, Illinois, but it was  
ascertained that no individual signing himself as "L.P."  
followed the directions in the advertisement, which read  
as follows:

"L.P.: Wire me collect care of Western  
Union Chicago where I can meet you."

Signed: "Carr"

Very truly yours,

W. A. SMITH,  
Acting Special Agent in Charge.

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FEBRUARY 15, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge  
Division of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice  
P. O. Box 515  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Dear Sir:

RE: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS  
EDWARD G. BREMER - VICTIM  
KIDNAPING

At the Federal Penitentiary Annex, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, convict Albert Bates, now serving a life sentence in the Urschel kidnaping case, was interviewed relative to the following parties: Ed Bentz, Eddie Doll, alias LaRue, "Old Charlie", from Chicago, and "Big Homer".

Bates stated that he had heard that Ed Bentz had been killed sometime ago but was unable to give any dates; that his information was that he had been killed on some steamer on the Great Lakes; that he had served time in the Washington State Penitentiary, Walla Walla, Washington; also at the Wisconsin Penitentiary, Waupun, Wisconsin.

Bates also stated that Bentz had been arrested at some address located on the Greenville Road, Dallas, Texas, during the months of September or October 1932, as near as he could recall, by Detectives Weatherford and Swinney of the Ft. Worth Police Department, who took Bentz to Fort Worth, Texas, without the knowledge of the Dallas Police Department, and that the Dallas Police Department took exception to this arrest in that manner.

With regard to Eddie Doll, Bates stated he knew him but had not seen him for some time, but it was his impression that Doll had never served any sentence.

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Special Agent A. E. Farland, of this office, recalls that the Fort Worth Police Department have a record of Ed Doll, alias Ed LaRue, alias George Wilson, which reflects that Doll had been taken into custody by the Champagne, Illinois Police Department, his police number being 113M.

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Bates could furnish no information as to the party men-

tioned as "Old Charley" and that of "Big Homer".

Convict Harvey Bailey was interviewed relative to the above mentioned parties and stated that he could furnish no information; that they were unknown to him.

Copy of this letter is being furnished the Dallas Office with a request that they ascertain from the Dallas Police Department whether or not they have any record of Ed Bentz having been apprehended by the two Fort Worth detectives on the Greenville road.

Very truly yours,

E. E. CONROY  
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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U.S. Department of Justice,  
411 United States Court House Building,  
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St. Paul, Minn.,  
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RE: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS  
EDWARD G. BREMER, VICTIM. 1934 A.P.  
KIDNAPING.  
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February 15, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U.S. Department of Justice,  
203 Post Office Building,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

RE: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS  
EDWARD G. BREMER, Victim  
KIDNAPING

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to letter of February 14, 1934, requesting that this office secure and forward photograph and fingerprints of one ABE GINSBERG alias GAINES who was thought to have been arrested in Chicago.

For your information the records of the Chicago Police Department are so kept that without further information it is almost impossible to make certain of the identity of any one man from his name alone. We have however, checked through a series of Ginsbergs, and find one who appears to be the one you are interested in. The record on this man is as follows:



A search was made through the files of the Bureau of Identification; of the Vagrancy Bureau, and of the Bureau of Statistics and Records, and of the files in the Detective Division, but it appears that no photograph or fingerprints of this Ginsberg are available in Chicago.

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If this is not the Ginsberg in whom you are interested, will you please furnish us with such additional information as is available, which may enable us to make further efforts to locate the ABE Ginsberg you are seeking.

Very truly yours,

W. A. SMITH,  
Acting Special Agent in Charge.  
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AIR MAIL SPECIAL DELIVERY

February 15, 1934

Special Agent in Charge  
Division of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice  
412 U. S. Court House & P. O.  
Jacksonville, Fla.

Dear Sir:

Re- UNKNOWN SUBJECTS  
EDWARD G. BREMER, Victim,  
Kidnaping.

For your information please be advised that it has been learned that a warrant was issued by Carl J. Carlson, Police Magistrate, Blue Island, Illinois, on December 8, 1933, charging Edward Doll, alias: LaRue, with the kidnaping for ransom of James Hackett on May 1, 1931, in the township of North.

Very truly yours,

W. A. SMITH, Acting,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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Chicago, Illinois  
February 18, 1934

Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
203 Post Office Building,  
Saint Paul, Minnesota

Dear Sir:-

RE: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS,  
EDWARD G. BREMER, VICTIM.  
KIDNAPING - CHICAGO FILE 7-52

Supplementing my letter of February 14, please be advised that Special Agent (A) W. S. Rich and Special Agent J. M. Rice conducted the following investigation at Joliet, Illinois, where all the manufacturers of wall paper were contacted. It may be added that these Agents were advised that approximately one-third of all the wall paper manufactured in the United States, is manufactured at Joliet, Illinois.

The following companies were contacted and their sample books examined:

The Superior Wall Paper Company; Mr. F. G. Snodden, Secretary, interviewed. Sample books containing approximately 700 designs for the period 1929-1934 were examined but none found to resemble the design in question. This company had no record of samples prior to 1929.

The Mid-West Wall Paper Mills; G. R. Rogard, Superintendent, contacted. Sample books containing approximately 800 designs, covering period from 1922-1934 were examined, but no pattern found which resembled the design in question. This company was organized in 1922.

The Lannon Wall Paper Company; J. F. Lannon, Manager, was interviewed. Some 500 designs covering the period 1930-1934 were viewed and none found to resemble the desired design. This company was organized in 1922, and has no sample books available prior to 1930.

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The Joliet Wall Paper Mills; Mr. John Chastrom, President, was contacted. Approximately 10,000 wall paper designs, covering the period 1922-1933, were examined and none found to resemble the pattern described by the Victim.

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The United Wall Paper Company - Joliet Branch;

W. A. Morris, General Manager, interviewed;

Approximately 10,000 designs, covering period

1922-1934 were examined but none found resembling

the pattern in question.

Star-Pearless Wall Paper Company; W. B. Baldwin,

President, interviewed. Approximately 10,000

patterns, covering period 1922-1934, were examined

and none found resembling the desired design.

In connection with this investigation, the utmost cooperation was received from the various wall paper manufacturers above enumerated. None of the parties contacted could recall a design or pattern, such as was attempted to be located, and in addition, they called in their designers, purchasing men and buy men in their manufacturing plants and spent considerable time examining the illustrated and described pattern held by Agents.

It was the consensus of opinion of the various manufacturers that this was a unique pattern, in all probability, only part of the real pattern that appeared on the wall paper being described by the Victim. The manufacturers also believed that this was a specialty job and a high grade paper and probably was manufactured by some specialty house in Cleveland, Ohio, Buffalo, N.Y., or Chelsea, Mass.

Mr. J. F. Lannon advised that possibly Miss A. Louise Phillebrown, Editor of the Wall Paper Magazine, located at 29 East 40th Street, New York City, who is an authority on wall paper designs, might be of assistance in securing information relative to the desired design; that Miss Phillebrown is an artist, keenly interested and highly informed on the various types of wall paper designs; further, that the Wall Paper Magazine is the only official wall paper publication.

Special Agent Earl Van Wagner interviewed Mr. L. E. Godette, in charge of the Chicago Warehouse of the Imperial Paper & Color Corporation, Inc., 3801 South Ashland Avenue, Chicago, who advised that The Imperial-Campbell Branch was discontinued and that reorganization took place in 1929; that they are now operating under the name of The Imperial Paper & Color Corporation, Inc., the main factory being located at Glens Falls, N.Y.

Special Agent Van Wagner examined the sample books of the paper manufacturers of that corporation for the years 1929-1934, inc., the earlier sample books having been destroyed after the reorganization

and he was unable to find any pattern which approximately fitted the description furnished by the Victim. Mr. Godette advised that he did not know of or recall any wall paper design, during his eighteen years experience, which resembled the design in question.

Agent Van Wagoner secured the attached sample of wall paper from Mr. Godette, which is marked Y-K. This was the only design that in any way whatsoever resembled the design in question and it is being sent to the Saint Paul Office for its inspection.

In the reference letter, a copy of which was furnished the New York City Office, it will be noted that the Imperial Paper and Color Corporation, Inc., is referred to in that letter as The Imperial Wall Paper Mills, Glens Falls, N.Y.

Photostatic copies of the pattern of wall paper described by the kidnaped Victim are being furnished each office receiving a copy of this letter. The DETROIT OFFICE, at Cleveland, Ohio; the NEW YORK OFFICE, at New York City, Buffalo and Glens Falls, New York; the BOSTON OFFICE, at Chelsea, Mass.; the PHILADELPHIA OFFICE -- will make appropriate investigation in their respective territories, as suggested by this letter and the reference letter.

Very truly yours,

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CC: Division,  
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New York,  
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W. A. SMITH, Acting  
Special Agent in Charge



## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

LRP:DC

TO : Mr. Rosen

DATE: October 11, 1944

FROM : L. R. Pennington

Call: 11:35 A.M.

SUBJECT: JOHN PAUL CHASE;  
ROY JOHN FRISCH, VICTIM  
KIDNAPING

Mr. Tolson	
Mr. E. A. Tamm	
Mr. Clegg	
Mr. Coffey	
Mr. Glavin	
Mr. Ladd	
Mr. Nichols	
Mr. Rosen	
Mr. Tracy	
Mr. Egan	
Mr. Gurnea	
Mr. Harbo	
Mr. Hendon	
Mr. Mumford	
Mr. Quinn Tamm	
Tele. Room	
Mr. Nease	
Miss Gandy	

SAC Newman called from Salt Lake City relative to the above case in which the Bureau conducted quite an investigation several years ago. He stated he received a telephone call yesterday afternoon from United States Attorney Thomas O. Craven of Reno, at which time Governor E. T. Carville was in his office. Craven said he and the Governor were discussing the disappearance of Frisch and requested the results of the interview had by the Bureau with John Paul Chase and a description of the area where Chase claims he buried the body he furnished him. He said his file on the case was buried in the basement in Carson City where he used to have his office.

Mr. Newman said they have this information in the file and wanted to know if the Bureau had any objection to furnishing it to the United States Attorney. He said he would furnish the information in a P & C letter and not give the United States Attorney copies of the reports.

Upon inquiry as to why they wanted this information at this time, Mr. Newman said he thinks the United States Attorney and the Governor discuss this case every now and then from a state standpoint and have been investigating it on and off.

I advised Mr. Newman if he did not hear from the Bureau to the contrary by tomorrow he could go ahead and give them the information.

RECOMMENDATION

It is believed that the information requested by the United States Attorney should be furnished him.

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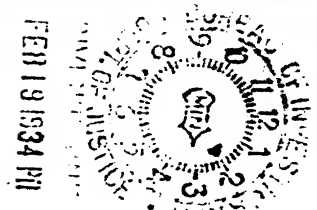
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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

February 15, 1934.

HHC:DES

MR. NATHAN	_____
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MR. GUNN	_____
MR. LESTER	_____
MR. LOCKE	_____
MR. MURPHY	_____

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

Mr. Alt called from Tampa. They have just arrived there and LaRue and his wife have been placed in separate cells. LaRue does not know that she is there, but Mr. Alt states that he is "raving" because he thinks we have her in custody. Mr. Alt advised that they could not get in touch with anybody to secure the search warrant, but this will be done in the morning. He has two Agents guarding the house tonight.

Mr. Alt was instructed to have Agent Andersen begin questioning LaRue as soon as he arrives on the Kansas City massacre case. Suggestions were made as to the manner in which Agent Anderson should question LaRue, i. e. Andersen, while not promising LaRue anything, should intimate to him that if he talks it might help her.

The numbers of the money in the package were furnished and are being checked here at the present time.

Respectfully,

H. H. Clegg

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DIRECTOR

RE EDDIE DOLL WITH ALIASES NMVTA RECORDS OF WELLINGTON HOTEL ALBANY  
NEW YORK SHOW E FOLEY REGISTERED OCTOBER 24 NOVEMBER 14 AND DECEMBER 10  
1933 ACCOMPANIED BY WIFE LAST TWO OCCASIONS AND SPENT ONE DAY EACH  
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U. S. Bureau of Investigation

Department of Justice

801 Title Guaranty Building,  
St. Louis, Missouri,  
February 15, 1934.

Director,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your telegram of February 13, 1934 in connection with the case entitled EDWARD DOLL, with aliases, IO #1214.

Special Agent E. B. Norris of this office checked the records of the Springfield, Illinois Police Department in an effort to obtain descriptive data concerning Danny Morgan and Chicago Blackie. The Springfield Police Department records failed to reflect any information concerning either of these individuals, and no reference could be found in their files concerning the confession made by Chicago Blackie as referred to in the report of Special Agent J. J. Perkins dated March 7, 1930. However, Agent Norris ascertained that Danny Morgan and Chicago Blackie were known to Mr. Ross Saunders, who is employed as a special investigator by the Illinois Department of Identification and Investigation.

Accordingly the writer contacted Mr. Ross Saunders at the American Hotel in St. Louis, Missouri, and ascertained from him that Danny Morgan and Chicago Blackie, alias Joe Dossie, were old associates of Eddie Doll, and the following descriptive data as to Danny Morgan was obtained from him:

Name:	DANNY MORGAN
Age:	24 in 1924
Build:	Medium slender
Hair:	Black
Eyes:	Medium blue
Complexion:	Medium
Occupation:	Painter
Police No:	Winston-Salem, N. C. No. 3556 ✓
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This subject was also picked up in San Antonio, Texas on January 14, 1926 with Eddie Nelson, alias Eddie Doll.

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Chicago Blackie, according to Mr. Ross Saunders, is presently serving a sentence at Joliet Penitentiary at Joliet, Illinois under the name of Joe Dosie. ✓

A copy of this letter is being forwarded to the Chicago Office with the request that they obtain the photograph of Joe Dosie from the Joliet Penitentiary and forward same to the Division.


7. With respect to other associates of Chicago Blackie and Danny Morgan, Mr. Saunders advised that they were close friends of James Clark, alias Farmer Wilson, whose fingerprint classification is 17 29 I 15 . Another associate of this mob, whose headquarters are in Des Moines, Iowa, is Dewey M. Berlovich, whose police number is Chicago, Illinois C 26008 and whose fingerprint classification is 5 R 10 19 . Another associate of this same group at Des Moines, Iowa is John Waters, alias "Go about Riley". ✓

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Photographs of these individuals were not available in this district. However, it is believed that same may be located by the use of the Police numbers and fingerprint classifications through the files of the Identification Unit of this Division at Washington.

Very truly yours,

  
D. M. Ladd,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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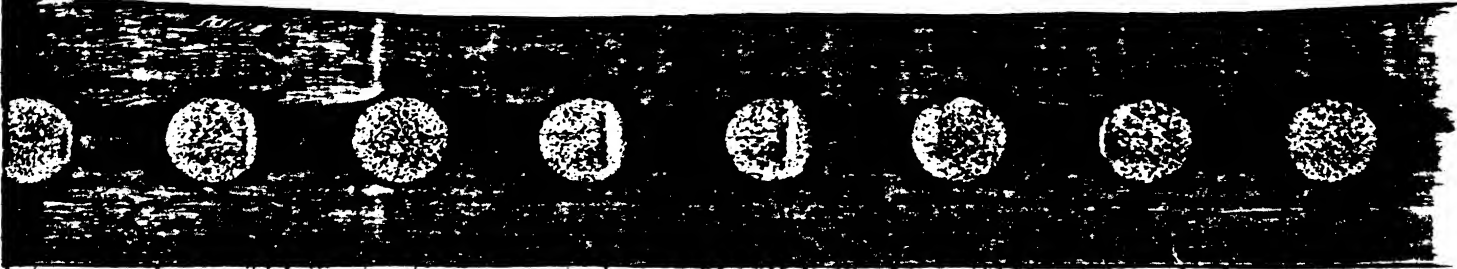
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SIX. FOR BUREAU'S INFORMATION, ON FIFTH INSTANT WILLIAM L. UREN

SUBJECT OF OUR CASE ENTITLED "WILLIAM L. UREN, WA, WILLIAM L.

STEVENS, NMVTA," WHO IS PRESENTLY ON BOND, PERSONALLY CONTACTED

USM EDWARD M. RANSON, RENO, NEVADA. UREN INFORMED THAT IF RANSON

WOULD HAVE THE NMVTA CHARGES DISMISSED UREN WOULD FURNISH HIM

VALUABLE INFORMATION CONCERNING THE LOCATION OF VICTIMS BODY. G.I.R.

UREN INFORMED RANSON THAT THE BODY HAD BEEN IN A CERTAIN LOCATION

THREE YEARS AGO AND THERE WAS A GREAT DEAL OF EVIDENCE AVAILABLE

SO THAT IT COULD BE IDENTIFIED AS THAT OF VICTIM. HE FURTHER

ADVISED RANSON THAT THE BODY COULD BE LOCATED IN A DRIFT OF AN

OLD MINE SHAFT, ABOUT A TWENTY MINUTE DRIVE FROM RENO. USM RANSON

DISCUSSED THE MATTER WITH USA MILES N. PIKE, RENO. IN VIEW OF

IMPORTANCE OF CLEARING UP VICTIMS DISAPPEARANCE, PIKE INDICATED

THAT ARRANGEMENTS MIGHT BE MADE TO DISMISS NMVTA CHARGES IF

INFORMATION FURNISHED BY UREN RESULTED IN LOCATION OF VICTIMS

BODY. USA PIKE AND USM RANSON HAVE REQUESTED ASSISTANCE OF RENO

RESIDENT AGENTS IN MAINTAINING SURVEILLANCE OF UREN WHILE HE

POINTS OUT ALLEGED LOCATION OF VICTIMS BODY TO USM. POSSIBILITY

OF UREN HAVING INFORMATION OF VALUE IS QUESTIONABLE. BOTH HAVE

ADVISED THAT IN THE ABSENCE OF INFORMATION INDICATING A

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FEDERAL VIOLATION THE BUREAU CLOSED ITS CASE AND NO FURTHER  
INVESTIGATION AUTHORIZED. IT HAS BEEN SUGGESTED THAT INFORMATION  
FURNISHED USM RANSON BE MADE AVAILABLE BY HIM TO NEVADA STATE POLICE.

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cc: Mr. Ladd

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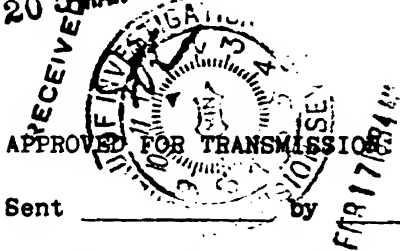
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TO SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE AT ST PAUL

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REPORT MADE AT: <b>NEW YORK CITY</b>	DATE WHEN MADE: <b>2/17/34</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: <b>2/15/34</b>	REPORT MADE BY: <b>EDWARD SCHMIDT</b>
TITLE: <b>EDWARD DOLY, with aliases - FUGITIVE I. O. #1214</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE: <b>NATIONAL MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT ACT</b>
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:  <p>Subject, an E. Foley, arrived at Wellington Hotel, Albany, N.Y., on four occasions, in November and December, 1933. He received copies of his registration at Soviet Clinton Hotel, Albany, N.Y.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">RUC</p> <p><b>DETAILS:</b></p> <p>The investigation reported herein was conducted in response to a telephone call from the Boston office of the Division.</p> <p><b>AT ALBANY, N. Y.</b></p> <p>At the Wellington Hotel, subject's photograph contained in I. O. #1214 was exhibited to Room Clerk Paul M. Roman, Mail Clerk Mrs. Harry Decker, Cashier Mrs. Bertha Schlegel, and other employees, none of whom recognized him.</p> <p><b>DETAILS:</b></p> <p>A check of the hotel register from August 1, 1933 to date reflected the following registrations:</p> <p>10/24/33 - E. Foley, Danville, Va. Occupied Room 337 one night. Paid in advance.</p> <p>11/14/33 - Mr. and Mrs. E. Foley, Danville, Va. Occupied Room 340 one night.</p>			
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12/10/33 - E. Foley & wife, Danville, Vt. Occupied Room 946 one night.

12/20/33 - Mr. and Mrs. E. Foley, Danville, Vt. Occupied Room 972 one night.

Handwriting comparison indicates that E. Foley is identical with subject; it being particularly noted that the same unusual capital "F" is contained in Foley's signature as that shown in subject's signature on I.O. Several tracings of Foley's signature on hotel register were made by agent, and are being placed in the New York Division office file.

At the DeWitt Clinton Hotel, Albany, N. Y., Assistant Manager A. R. Walty, Room Clerk F. Mullarney, and other employees, failed to recognize photograph of subject as being that of anyone remembered by them.

A check of registration cards at the DeWitt Clinton Hotel, which are filed alphabetically, was made from August 1, 1933 to January 1, 1934, under the names Foley, Doll, and the aliases shown on I.O. without success. However, this is not absolutely conclusive, for the reason that agent noted, while examining the registration cards, that some of them are misplaced.

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February 15, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. CLEGG

Colonel Gates telephoned in regard to an Associated Press dispatch to the effect that a man by the name of Foley is under arrest in St. Petersburg, Florida as a kidnapping suspect. I told Mr. Gates that this man was arrested last night; that he is being held incommunicado; and that no statement will be made.

Colonel Gates called back later to inquire as to Foley's first name. I told Mr. Gates that the name Leonard E. Foley was given, but that the man's true name has not been disclosed. I told Mr. Gates that in reply to inquiries he might state that this man is a fugitive from justice, wanted by the Federal authorities in Illinois for violation of the National Motor Vehicle Theft Act.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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U. S. Department of Justice  
**Bureau of Investigation**  
P.O. Box 515, St. Paul, Minn.

February 17, 1934.

Director,  
Division of Investigation,  
U.S. Department of Justice,  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim.  
KIDNAPING.  
St. Paul File No. 7-30.

Transmitted herewith are duplicate copies of  
fingerprints of Miss Lillian L. Dickman, as per your request  
contained in teletype of February 13, 1934.

Prints of Father Deere will be forwarded as  
soon as they become available, this office having been unable  
to contact Father Deere to date due to religious services.

Very truly yours,

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WERNER HANNI,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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February 15, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. CLEGG

Mr. Harry Gusack of Universal Service telephoned in regard to the arrest of Foley at St. Petersburg, Florida, last night. He stated he had a dispatch to the effect that a woman was taken into custody with him, and that the couple recently purchased a poultry farm, paying \$7500 for it. He also inquired as to the rumor that Federal Agents are questioning Foley in regard to the Bremer case. I told Mr. Gusack that of course he would be questioned on any case. Upon Mr. Gusack's inquiry as to Foley's true name, I advised him that his name is Edward Doll, alias Eddie, alias Eddie LaRue, alias Burlington Eddie, alias Frank Lewis, alias J. E. Jackson, alias Edward LaRue, alias Leonard E. Foley. I also stated that he was arrested in 1926 in San Antonio, charged with suspicion, and released.

Very truly yours,

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UNKNOWN SUBJECTS

EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, VICTIM.

KIDNAPING

## SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Victim claimed that only one headlight was burning on kidnap car on night of abduction that he believes the coldest day during his captivity at the hideout to have been five below zero. On one day there was a very thorough thaw, but he cannot fix dates closer than between the 5th and 10th day of his captivity. He was furnished an elaborate menu.

## REFERENCE:

Report of Inspector W.A. Rorery dated at St. Paul, Minnesota, 2-14-34.

## DETAILS:

At St. Paul, Minnesota:

Upon further interview with Victim EDWARD GEORGE BREMER he stated that generally when entering the toilet one of the abductors would accompany him and turn on the electric light; that the toilet electric light was switched on from the room adjacent to the toilet and it is his belief that there was a button or switch of some type on the wall outside of the toilet and in the adjoining room near the door to the toilet. He stated that there is a window located in the living room near the vicinity of the door through which he passed in entering the room adjacent to the toilet; that he often heard the shade on this window being raised and lowered and also heard the flapping as from the result of wind. In connection with the chair on which he sat each day, he stated that it was not very substantial, small, straight back, with a horizontal

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bar across the top and two horizontal bars midway between the top of the back and the seat. He does not believe that the sides of the chair back protruded above the top horizontal bar. He could furnish no information as to whether there were any rungs underneath the chair but was sure that there were no rungs horizontal across the lower front of the chair connecting the front legs, for the reason that he often kept his feet and lower legs underneath the chair. He could not describe the chair seat other than that the corners were not sharp and that it was always covered with a removable seat cover, which appeared to be some type of stuffed pad. He claims never to have looked at this pad, although not blindfolded during a great portion of the time during which he was sitting there. He stated that he often heard a rocking chair in the living room and from the squeaking sounds issuing from it, he believed that it was made of cane, or reed. Upon his arrival at the hideout house on the night of the day of his abduction, he claims that he has no recollection of feeling the heat from the stove in the living room through which he passed to his bedroom but that he does not believe that the house was any colder than it was generally.

In connection with the small room adjacent to the toilet through which he walked daily, he is confident that there were beds on each side of his path to the toilet and recalled that his legs often bumped against them in passing. In connection with the instrument on the water box of the toilet, which is used for flushing, he is sure that it was near the top right hand corner and he often found it by running his hand along the edge of the top.

Upon leaving the hideout house on the day of his return home, he recalled that after reaching the top of the steps outside of the house that he took a sharp right turn just to the top of the steps and he is of the opinion that another right turn was taken a short time later, which he took in a curving manner, rather than sharply. He is further confident that there is a coal bin in the house and on the same floor as was his room. Upon showing him a map of the hideout rooms, he indicated that the highway was in the direction to the right of the top of the steps, that is, to the left of the boarded up window at which he daily sat. The location of this highway is placed by him solely upon the daily sounds which he heard. He stated that it is his opinion that the railroad tracks ran diagonally with the highway; that is, parallel with the imaginary line which may be drawn from the outward corner of the toilet to the outward corner of the kitchen around which he believes he passed when entering and leaving the hideout house.

In connection with the day on which he is sure that there was a very thorough thaw, he stated that undoubtedly this was the warmest day during his captivity. Further questioning indicated that he can in no

manner fix the date of the thaw, nor the day of the week on which it occurred. His best recollection is that it was between the 5th and 10th day after his arrival at the hideout; that, possibly, it was the first Sunday. He is sure that it was not the second Sunday because the second Sunday of his captivity, in his opinion, was the coldest day which he experienced. He could not fix the day of the thaw as being on either a Saturday or Sunday although it was pointed out to him that he has stated that on Saturday and Sunday he more often heard the noise of playing children and that on each Saturday he heard an afternoon church bell and on each Sunday two church bells.

In connection with the window, which was on his immediate right as he daily sat at a table, he stated that on no occasion could he see the direct rays of the sun nor could he tell whether the sun was shining; consequently, he is unable to fix the direction in which the window faced.

In connection with the movement of trains, he stated that he believes that the majority of the trains in the morning ran prior to the blowing of the factory whistle and perhaps the greatest portion of these trains ran approximately one hour before the blowing of the morning whistle. He stated that the greatest number of afternoon trains appeared to run a short time after the blowing of the afternoon factory whistle, and that it perhaps was one hour afterwards. However, he is not sure about the time the greater number of trains ran. This line of questioning was with a view towards determining whether these trains were interurban, or commuting trains, it being thought possible to determine their proximity from their main terminal by fixing their time.

In connection with the siren which appeared to be stationary and which he heard each morning, he stated that this siren did not blow at any time in the afternoon or evening and that it never blew except once each week day morning with the exception of the one Sunday morning at which time it blew either three or four times in short blasts. He could tell that this siren was a powerful one and stated that just before the siren died the last low note, which appeared to sound even after the steam, or current, had been disconnected, carried very plainly. This siren's shriek was not of as long a duration as the morning factory whistle. Ordinarily each morning it blew for a period of from approximately five to seven seconds but the last sound appeared to linger.

Victim stated that he is quite sure that there was a small bedroom adjoining his bedroom and adjacent to the living room and that the bed therein was along side the wall against which his own bed rested. The only sounds which gave him the impression that the room adjacent to his bedroom was also a bedroom were those which he heard each night, indicating the turning in bed of a person.

He stated that he was only shaved on the morning of his departure from the hideout and with a straight razor; that a strap was fastened to his bed and the razor stropped several times; that he believes two separate straight razors were used to shave him. A shaving brush was used and he is of the opinion that plain soap, of a shaving type, was used. He cannot explain why he so thinks.

In connection with his food, during his captivity, he stated that he was always given white loaf bread with the exception of once when he was furnished biscuits, which were baker's biscuits. He was again questioned concerning the variety of food which was furnished him and stated that on several occasions he was given lettuce with mayonnaise dressing; that he often had peas and corn; that on two occasions during the first few days of his confinement, he was given sliced tomatoes; that on two or more occasions he was given celery and on one occasion radishes. On two occasions he was furnished oyster stew and once ripe olives. He stated that he never heard any sound indicating that there was an ice box or electric refrigerator in the house. He stated that he generally was furnished eggs for breakfast and on the first morning of his captivity he was furnished boiled eggs. On every other occasion the eggs were scrambled. Before receiving his scrambled eggs, he nearly always heard sounds indicating that the eggs were being mixed, prior to cooking, with an egg beater of the hand grinding variety generally used by cooks. On only one occasion was he furnished bacon with the eggs. He stated that he has no information indicating that it rained during the time he was kidnaped, and the time he was released; that on no occasion did he hear a windshield wiper on an automobile.

He was furnished a tooth brush on his arrival which was misplaced a few days later and a new brush was given him. He cannot now remember the make of either brush but stated that the second one was green. He was furnished only one tube of tooth paste, which was in a white tube, the brand of which he cannot recall. He claims to have been furnished with a glass of water whenever he was furnished with a pan of water for the washing of his face and hands and that he would use the glass of water for brushing his teeth.

He stated that one of the men at the hideout house appeared to have a cold and coughed during the entire time of his incarceration; that the cough indicated a chest, and not a head, cold; that he heard no sniveling or nose blowing and that the cough was not of the hacking type but appeared to be the result of a temporary cold.

In connection with his trip, immediately after his abduction, on his way to the hideout, he stated that on several occasions he was made to lie down on the floor of the car and it appeared that his abductors placed newspapers over him several times, at which time he could hear them blowing their breath on the glass windows of the car indicating that they were attempting to defog the glass. For the first three or four hours after his abduction he claims to have been riding flat on the floor in the rear. When he passed through the city in which he heard street cars, he claims to have been lying on the floors. On his return trip, he claimed that papers were never placed over him. He stated that he is of the impression that blankets were in the car both on the day of his abduction and on the day of his return and that on one occasion when he complained of being cold they placed a blanket around his feet on the day of abduction. Blankets were also placed over his lap and legs on the return trip but he claims to never have been completely covered when being returned. He believes that the car in which he was riding on the day of abduction had a hand rail behind the front seat but that the car in which he was returned had none. He is of the opinion that there was a foot rail rest on the rear floor of the cars, both going and returning. He stated that upon arrival at the hideout, they looked at his head and put some kind of disinfectant on it, which he believes to have been either mercurchrome or iodine. He claims that the only reason he so believes is that after his release the doctor, or barber, told him that something red had been placed on his head. He stated that whatever they put on his head was already in the house and they did not have to go out and get it. Prior to the application of the medicine to his head, he claimed that he asked them to cut the hair off around the broken skin and that they did so with a safety razor.

On a subsequent interview, Victim stated that he is confident that the second Sunday after his arrival at the hideout was the coldest day of his captivity. He stated that on one occasion he was told that the temperature was five degrees below zero. He is unable to say whether the day on which he was told that the temperature was five degrees below zero was the coldest day or whether it was a Saturday or Sunday. He is of the impression, however, although he cannot explain the reason therefor, that the coldest day may have been the day on which he was told the temperature.

He is of the opinion that upon arrival at the hideout house the car in which he was riding drove a short distance past the house and that he walked back to the steps.

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In connection with the sounds which he sometimes heard from his bedroom and which sounds he believed to have come from cars used by his abductors, he stated that sometimes the car appeared to be on the side of the house on which his bedroom was located and at other times the cars appeared to be on the opposite side of the house. He believes that the hideout house was located on an incline, or hill, but has no recollection as to whether upon his arrival, or departure, he moved up or down grade, nor could he give any reason for his believing this.

He stated that he does not know whether, for the most part, the persons who guarded him entered or left the house more during the day time or night time and that it was his belief that there was very little entering and leaving. He claims to have never heard anyone enter or leave the house from the floor upstairs. He does not recall just how he entered the door of the hideout house upon arrival, that is, whether it was necessary for one of the men to knock, or whether they waited for a time, or whether the door was unlocked either from the inside or outside. His recollection in connection with entrance into the house by him is that two dogs barked close by him but that they did not follow him down the steps. The barking of the dogs appeared to be closer to the house during the first few days than afterwards.

He claimed that he always slept in his underwear at the hideout and was not given any clothes until the morning of his release and that they did not return to him his own underwear nor two handkerchiefs, one of which was purple.

In connection with his journey on the day of his abduction, he stated that the abductors stopped only three times, the first time was to transfer cars at St. Paul. The second time they stopped for gasoline. Prior to this second stop, the car appeared to turn off the main road and did not appear to be on any road when it stopped, but he believed they were near a main highway. Another car appeared to be close by and stopped a short time afterward and he heard cans being taken from the second car and gasoline being poured into the car in which he was riding. On this occasion, he heard no conversation, heard no funnel, does not know whether the cans were placed back in either car. The third stop was made prior to the time that he arrived in the city in which he heard street cars and approximately forty-five minutes before reaching said city. He is convinced that it was dark at the time of the third stop. He stated that the car did not appear to be on a road when it stopped and that he thought he was in a rough field in which he could not feel the signs of any present or previous growth. It was very cold and he walked with a man on each side of him in order to keep warm. He believes that this stop was made to enable the car to go somewhere for gasoline but cannot account for this

He says that he could feel no snow on the ground at that time. When he and the two men got out of the car, it turned around and left him and returned after approximately fifteen minutes. While waiting for the car to return he heard no sounds indicating that he was near a city and, in fact, heard no sounds of any kind prior to the return of the car. When the car returned, he heard one of the men, who had remained with him, tell the driver of the car that one of the lights was not burning. Victim claimed that he heard nothing to indicate that they attempted, in any way, to repair the light and does not know whether the car continued with only one light. On the day of the abduction, he believes that the man in the car with him took one or more drinks of liquor and that they may have harmed him.

On the day of the abduction, he claimed that about one hour after leaving St. Paul there appeared to be snow; that about that time the car in which he was riding stopped, as if stuck, backed up and then drove on, as if driving around a bad place in the road. At that time, he claims to have been riding at, probably, the fastest rate of any time during either journey and he is of the opinion that he was not then on a paved road.

In connection with the ringing of the church bell on each Saturday afternoon, he now believes that it rang some little time prior to the blowing of the factory whistle but he is doubtful as to what length of time prior to the whistle.

Victim has further described the place in Rochester, Minnesota, at which he was released, and at which he threw away the goggles which he had been wearing and, although previous efforts to locate the goggles have been unsuccessful, efforts are being renewed and it may be that they will be found. Every effort is being made to obtain from the Victim as complete a description as is possible of the wall paper of his bedroom at the hideout.

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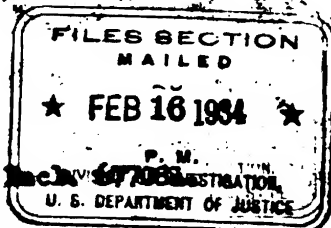
Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
1900 Bankers' Building,  
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Sir:

In compliance with your telegraphic request, there are  
enclosed herewith additional copies of the laboratory report  
on the test of the flannel shirt, heavy underwear and socks  
in connection with the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer.

Very truly yours,

Director.



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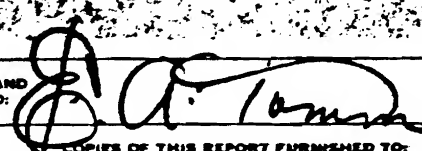
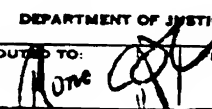
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FORM NO. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA**

FILE NO.

REPORT MADE AT: <b>Pittsburgh, Pa.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE: <b>2-18-34</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: <b>2-15-34</b>	REPORT MADE BY: <b>J. C. RIVER</b>
SUBJECT: <b>UNKNOWN SUBJECTS; EDWARD G. BREMER-VICTIM</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE: <b>KIDNAPING</b>
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:  <p>Pittsburgh Wall Paper Company has no plant at Pittsburgh, Pa., formerly and until two years ago, operated at New Brighton, Pa., where an examination made of samples of wall paper failed to disclose patterns coinciding in approximate detail to that as described by Mr. Bremer. However, samples of nearest approach to paper described obtained and attached to copies of this report, St. Paul, Minnesota, Office.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">- P -</p>			
REFERENCE: Letter of Philadelphia, Pa. Division Office 2-14-34 with enclosed copy of memorandum of Special Agent in Charge H. G. Hervey, Philadelphia Office, 2-16-34.			
DETAILS: AT PITTSBURGH, PA.  Agent ascertained that the Pittsburgh Wall Paper Company was located at New Brighton, Pa. and that there were no other manufacturers of wall paper at Pittsburgh.			
DETAILS: AT NEW BRIGHTON, PA.  At the Pittsburgh Wall Paper Company, corner 15th St. and 5th Avenue, Agent was advised by Mrs. E. H. Meizger, presently in charge of the plant where she has been employed for the past nine years, that the Company, a subsidiary of the Niagara Wall Paper Company, Niagara Falls, N.Y.			
DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED: 	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	7-576-515	RECORDED AND INDEXED: <b>FEB 19 1934</b>
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T. M. Uptegraff, President and resident of Niagara Falls, has not operated at New Brighton since April 2, 1932 and has no stock of wall paper on hand, for its own account, at the present time.

Mrs. Metzger assisted Agent in making an examination of all samples of wall paper, at hand, and for the approximate period of the past ten years. These samples approximated one thousand in number, the patterns of which do not appear to coincide in any detail with the wall paper described by Mr. Bremer, as noted in reference memorandum. However, Agent maintained samples of wall paper, hereinafter noted, which were the nearest approach to the described wall paper and which samples are attached to copies of this report forwarded to the St. Paul Office.

Mrs. Metzger stated that the records of the Company at New Brighton would show the dates, quantities, names and addresses of accounts and jobbers to whom any or all of the wall paper was shipped. Further, that based on her experience in the wall paper manufacturing business, patterns similar to those described by Mr. Bremer may have been in vogue during the past three or four years. She further stated that to her knowledge there were no wall paper manufacturers operating in West Virginia or Western Pennsylvania but that the Chicago Wall Paper Company, Steubenville, Ohio, as well as the Niagara Wall Paper Company, Niagara Falls, New York, were operating; further that to her general knowledge there were approximately 40 or 45 concerns in the United States engaged in the manufacture of wall paper, a list of whom she was unable to furnish.

The referred to samples of wall paper forwarded to the St. Paul Office for possible future reference are described as follows:

Side Wall	#7152	ST-3
"	"	#504
"	"	#158
"	"	Grade #1318
"	"	#394-D
"	"	#394-A

In view of the information noted in reference memorandum, concluding paragraph, to the effect that the wall paper manufacturers are segregated in the territories of the Chicago, New York, Cincinnati, St. Louis, Philadelphia, Boston and Detroit Offices, copies of this report are being forwarded to the Cincinnati, Ohio and New York City Offices for information only.

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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

P. O. Box 515, St. Paul, Minn.

February 15, 1934.

Director,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Washington, D. C.

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS.  
EDWARD G. BREMER, Victim.  
KIDNAPING.  
St. Paul File 7-50

Dear Sir:

There is being forwarded to the Division  
a Hill Bros. coffee can in which note was delivered addressed  
to Walter Magee, or payoff man, in which orders were given the  
payoff man to take the 8:40 bus for Des Moines. This can was  
delivered to the residence of Mr. John Miller, 1209 Hague Avenue,  
St. Paul, Minnesota and after receipt, can was handled by both  
Mr. and Mrs. John Miller, and their prints are being enclosed  
herewith.

It is realized that the prints of Mrs. John  
Miller are not very discernible. Though several efforts were  
made to obtain good prints, it was impossible to do so since  
Mrs. Miller apparently was unable to render the necessary co-  
operation. She has refused to have any other prints taken.

Very truly yours,

*Werner Hanni*

WERNER HANNI,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECT,  
EDWARD G. BREMER, VICTIM,  
KIDNAPING.

Mr. M. A. Alt,  
Tampa Terrace Hotel,  
Tampa, Florida.

FEB 27 1934

Dear Sir:

Attached hereto is a copy of memorandum of Special Agent  
V. G. Newman of this office dated February 17, 1934, relative to  
the above captioned case. There are also attached hereto photo-  
graphs of Frank Anderson and Louis M. Anderson, together with  
impressions of their fingerprints as mentioned in the memorandum  
of Agent Newman. The impression of Frank Anderson is a positive  
and is the best Mr. Petty could furnish due to the rush of work  
at the Joliet Penitentiary. Copies of the above photographs and  
impressions of the fingerprints as well as two copies of reference  
memorandum are being attached to copies of this letter and forwarded  
to the Division.

Subsequent to the dictation of memorandum of reference,  
Agents Rhodes and Van Wagoner, who secured copies of the above  
photographs and fingerprint impressions from Mr. Petty, were advised  
by Mr. Petty that he had a record of another Anderson, David by name,  
who had escaped from the Joliet Penitentiary. Following are the  
criminal record and description of David Anderson:

CRIMINAL RECORD: (As of 1909) DESCRIPTION:

Due to rush of work at the Joliet Penitentiary, Mr. Petty  
advised he was unable to make up copies of photograph and impressions  
of fingerprints of David Anderson today but would make the same up



and forward them to the Chicago Office within the next few days.  
Upon receipt of copies of these photographs and fingerprints, copies  
of same will be forwarded to you as well as to the Division.

Very truly yours,

H. M. FURVIE,  
Special Agent in Charge

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Chicago, Illinois  
February 17, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE FILE

RE: UNKNOWN SUBJECT,  
EDWARD G. BREMER, VICTIM,  
KIDNAPING - Chicago File 7-82.

At 10:30 P.M., February 16, 1934, Supervisor E. F. Cowley of the Division telephoned advising that one "WHITTY" ANDERSON, who is believed to have escaped from the Illinois State Penitentiary, Joliet, Illinois, sometime within the past four years, is a suspect in the above entitled case. Mr. Cowley requested that immediate efforts be made to ascertain the identity of this person and that in so doing, the fact that he is a suspect in this case should be kept confidential. Mr. Cowley requested that all identifying data on "WHITTY" ANDERSON be furnished the Division by telephone and that a copy of his photograph, description, etc., be forwarded immediately to Mr. E. A. Alt, (Special Agent in Charge of the Jacksonville Office), Tampa Terrace Hotel, Tampa, Florida.

In an effort to secure the desired information from the penitentiary at Joliet, Illinois, I endeavored to communicate by telephone with Mr. Frank Petty, in charge of the Identification Office, but was advised that Mr. Petty could not be reached either at the Penitentiary (Joliet 20426), or at his residence (Joliet 21004). I was further advised, through telephonic communication with the Penitentiary, that the records of the Identification Office, as well as the Record Office, were locked up and would not be available, under any circumstances, until morning.

At 9:00 o'clock this morning, February 17, 1934, I was successful in contacting by telephone, Mr. John Brederick, Record Clerk of the Penitentiary, Telephone Joliet 9591. Mr. Brederick, after checking his records, advised that they had no record of a "WHITTY" ANDERSON having been an inmate of that institution; that the only ANDERSON that has escaped since 1901, is FRANK ANDERSON, alias GEORGE CUNNINGHAM, who escaped January 27, 1925, and who has not been apprehended.

Following are the criminal record and description of FRANK ANDERSON:

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Original Record

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[Signature]*

The above information relative to FRANK ANDERSON, alias GEORGE GURWINGHAM, was telephoned to Supervisor Dewey at the Division this morning.

Since securing the above information, I communicated telephonically with Mr. Frank Petty, at the Identification Office of the Illinois State Penitentiary, Joliet, Illinois, who advised that a check of his records failed to disclose anyone by the name of "WHITNEY" ANDERSON having been an inmate there, but that there was another Anderson of record,

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**JAY C. NEWMAN,**  
**Special Agent.**

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February 17, 1934.

Mr. Ray Alt,  
Tampa Terrace Hotel,  
Tampa, Florida.

Re: Unknown Subjects  
Edward G. Bremer  
Kidnaping

Dear Sir:

Special Agent in Charge D. M. Ladd has requested me to forward direct to you any information available at the Police Department and Sheriff's Office in Peoria, Ill. relating to Whitie Anderson who is alleged to be involved in the above entitled case. Mr. Ladd stated that Anderson is alleged to have escaped from the City or County Jail in Peoria within the past four years.

No record could be found of anderson's arrest in Peoria and the Police and Sheriff's Office have no information as to his identity other than that he is believed to be identical with Whitie Furlong who escaped from the Peoria City Jail on 12-1-25.

The records of the Peoria Police Department indicate

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The following description of Furlong was obtained from the files of the Peoria Police Department:

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Very truly yours,

G. B. Norris,  
Special Agent.

cc Division ✓

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**U. S. Bureau of Investigation**

**Department of Justice**

**1900 BANKERS BUILDING,  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.**

**February 17, 1934.**

Director,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

In re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS  
EDWARD G. BREMER - Victim  
KIDNAPING  
CHICAGO FILE NO. 7-82

Reference is made to Division letter addressed to the St. Paul office, dated February 14, 1934, a copy of which was forwarded to this office, as well as a copy of the laboratory report relative to certain articles of clothing which were furnished the victim by the kidnapers. This office also desires to acknowledge receipt of the underwear, socks, three flashlights and the box of batteries.

In accordance with the instructions contained in the copy of the letter from the New York office to the Division dated February 14, 1934, Special Agents Earl Van Wagoner and J. J. Metcalfe interviewed Mr. L. P. Burkland, head of the Underwear Department, Wholesale Department, Carson, Pirie, Scott and Company, 4th floor, 366 West Adams Street, Chicago, Illinois, and exhibited to Mr. Burkland the underwear worn by victim, who identified the underwear as the garment manufactured exclusively by the Applachian Mills of Knoxville, Tennessee, for his company. He stated that the trim on the garment was found on no other garment but this brand. It will be noted from the copy of the letter from the New York office, dated February 14th, that Mr. Coogan stated that each suit of underwear carries an operating number, but apparently the number in this instance was on that part of the cloth which had been cut out, and that in his opinion this particular number would be of material assistance in tracing a particular suit of underwear through the factory.

With regard to this Mr. Burkland advised that the number appearing on the left buttonhole strip near the top, namely, 28-44-70, indicated that 28 was the factory operator and that 44

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was the size, while 70 was the length of the garment to the crotch. The number which appears on the inside right shoulder of the garment at the point which has been cut out on the present garment corresponds to the middle number on the buttonhole strip, namely 44. This number 44 appears within a diamond shaped outline. He further stated that the numbers on the opposite side of this figure, mention of which is made in the laboratory report, were undoubtedly the imprint of the stamping on the right shoulder of the garment when folded together.

Mr. Burkland advised that the particular style of garment worn by the victim contained a label  $1\frac{5}{16}$ " x  $9\frac{1}{16}$ " to  $10\frac{1}{16}$ ", and contained the following inscription:

LIFE SIZE  
Underwear  
Satisfies

It would appear from the garment that the stitches are wider than the size of the label. Mr. Burkland advised that this did not mean anything as often the stitches ran over beyond the label itself. Mr. Burkland advised that the old style of label was discontinued during the month of June, 1933, and that the same garment is still being manufactured although it carries a new label,  $1\frac{5}{16}$ " x  $12\frac{1}{16}$ " and the inscription is as follows:

LIFE SIZE  
Underwear  
Satisfies  
Extra  
Heavy Weight

Mr. Burkland added that in all probability there were no shipments of garments similar to the one worn by victim made during the year 1933, but that this did not mean that the present garment could not have recently been sold due to the fact that the retailers would carry over on their shelves the old stock. He suggested, therefore, that a canvass first be made of the dealers where shipments were made during 1932. He stated that the records of shipments to dealers prior to 1932 have been destroyed. It should be noted here that the canvass of dealers should deal with the garment containing the old label set out above, which did not contain the additional wording, "Extra Heavy Weight".

Mr. Burkland further advised that if all the numbers and marks had been left in the garment as originally sold, it would be of little use in tracing the garment to the retailer, as no record of same is kept. He further advised that this garment was widely distributed all over the country. Mr. Burkland further advised that this particular style of garment is sold to dealers in Northern cities where there is a cold climate and usually to foreigners and people living in rural districts. A check of the dealers handling this type of garment further verifies this statement of Mr. Burkland.

For the benefit of the auxiliary offices, a list of the dealers to whom this particular style of garment (style 5318 and 18 pound, the figure 18 in the style number indicating the weight of the garment) was shipped is set out below, the names of the dealers being segregated according to the various field office districts within which they fall:

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<u>Street No.</u>	<u>Name of Store</u>	<u>Year Sold</u>
960 Milwaukee Ave.	Barmosk Dept. Store	1932
932 E. 55th St.	M. Beatley	1932
4238 Archer Ave.	The Bell Store	1932-33
11212 S. Michigan Ave.	H. Berlander	1932
63rd & Ashland	Big Four Clothing Co.	1932-33
3707 W. 16th St.	J. Bleckman	1932
4736 So. State St.	J. Blonski	1932
804 E. 79th St.	Bob's Men's Shop, Inc.	1932
3640 Roosevelt Rd.	Boston Waist Shop	1932-33
3600 S. State St.	Wm. Caughan	1932-33
6048 So. Halsted St.	Phil Goldberg	1932
229 E. 51st St.	Ideal Mdse. Co.	1932
3411 W. 63rd St.	S. Jacobs	1933
3221 W. 63rd St.	Frank Janovsky	1932
449 E. 47th St.	S. Kalleck	1932
815 S. Halsted	M. Kanter	1932
2448 North Ave.	J. Kaplan	1932-33
1361 E. 63rd St.	L. Kaplan	1932-33
414 W. Chicago Ave.	Sam Katzan	1932
3873 Archer	R. J. Raffie	1932
1548 Milwaukee Ave.	Reich Bros.	1932
5421 Addison St.	C. Replogle	1933
418 So. Wells St.	Schultz Bros.	1932

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<u>Street No.</u>	<u>Name of Store</u>	<u>Year Sold</u>
3205 W. Lake St.	Sholl's Dept. Store, Inc.	1932
646 E. 63rd St.	B. Silverfield	1932
2354 W. Lake St.	Simon Bros.	1932
4340 So. Ashland Ave.	P. Sirner	1932
816 S. California Ave.	Smoler	1932
4157 Archer Ave	Chas. Bormash	1932
1840 W. 35th St.	John Deditch	1932
442 W. Division St.	I. Elieason & Co.	1932
9240 Cottage Grove Ave.	Greenberg Dept. Store	1932
1302 So. Kedzie Ave.	L. Gross	1932-33
1032 No. Ashland Ave.	B. Hanover	1933
2049 Roscoe St.	A. Hoffing	1933
302 E. 35th St.	J. Roman	1932
3120 Madison St.	Rudi Koff	1932-33
4340 So. Ashland Ave.	B. Sarva	1932
1533 Larrabee St.	M. Satton	1932
4962 Milwaukee Ave.	M. Schoekman	1933
5908 Lawrence Ave.	Morris Scher	1933
550 East 43rd St.	Schlanger	1932
1510 Fullerton Ave.	A. Levin	1932
2335 N. Western	B. Light	1932
1039 N. Western	H. Lome	1932
3410 S. Halsted	O. Lustig	1932
1850 Blue Island	T. Lyons	1932
1923 W. 47th St.	F. Matyasek	1932
2626 N. Halsted	K. G. Menzer	1932
1919 Milwaukee Ave.	B. Miller	1932-33
302 E. 61st St.	R. Miller	1932-33
3750 S. State St.	Miller	1932-33
3527 Armitage Ave.	L. Minkus	1933
Montgomery Ward & Co.	- All Stores	1932
3454 S. Halsted St.	G. Nathanson	1932
4024 Armitage Ave.	J. Orlowsky	1932
1001 Center St.	Osten Miller	1932
1856 Blue Island Ave.	A. Pollard	1933
2916 Roosevelt Rd.	E. Pollock	1932
1713 W. 47th St.	J. Pytlik	1933
11934 S. Michigan Ave.	P. Tokars	1932
2026 Milwaukee Ave.	D. Vinegar	1932
5552 Belmont Ave.	B. Warsaw	1932

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<u>Street No.</u>	<u>Name of Store</u>	<u>Year Sold</u>
2023 Milwaukee Ave.	Wecker Dept. Store	1932
2101 N. Hoyne Ave.	M. Weinberger	1932
324 Kensington	J. Brazzale	1932
9235 Cottage Grove	Bunner Bros.	1933
1314 E. 55th St.	G. Buslauer	1932
2980-3010 Milwaukee Ave.	H. Bronstein	1932
3104 Cottage Grove	Frank Capehart	1932
1844 So. Ashland Ave.	E. Clark	1932
1646 Madison,	M. Cohen	1932
815 E. 47th St.	E. Epstein	1932
3840 Chicago Ave.	M. Feierberg	1933
3000 Wentworth Ave.	Chas. Fischer	1932
3856 Cottage Grove Ave.	I. Fishman	1932
7311 Vincennes Ave.	H. Frankman	1932
3103 So. Halsted	L. Friedman	1932
2861 Milwaukee Ave.	J. Klaus & Co.	1932
4010 W. North Ave.	Max Kohn Est.	1933
3724 So. State St.	S. Sakin	1932
3320 W. 63rd St.	D. Leabow	1932
1705 W. 63rd St.	L. W. Spier	1932-33
1101 N. California Ave.	S. White	1933
2325 W. Chicago Ave.	I. Williams	1932
3603 Irving Park Blvd.	L. Windmiller	1932
7309 S. Halsted St.	B. Wolfe	1932
3228 S. State St.	I. Yodler	1932-33
1448 E. 63rd St.	B. B. Ziv	1932

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KANSAS CITY DISTRICT

<u>Town</u>	<u>Name of Store</u>	<u>Year Sold</u>
Ottumwa	The Golden Eagle	1932-33
Burlington	A. Goldenberg	
Corydon	Grogan Cloth. Co.	1932
Centersville	Hursh & Jenson	1932
Bloomfield	Latimer Bros.	1933
Atlantic	Metcalfs	1932
Boone	W. S. Mishlov	1932



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KANSAS CITY DISTRICT, Cont'd.

<u>Town</u>	<u>Name of Store</u>	<u>Year Sold</u>
Tabor	W. W. Argo	1933
Muscatine	J. C. Broun	1933
Story City	Charlson's Clothes Co.	1932
Bedford	Fuller & Taylor Cloth. Co.	1932-33
Jefferson	Fred E. Gamble	1932
Marshalltown	Star Clo. Co.	1933
Davenport	Steward Clo. Co.	1932-33
Creston	Strauss, D.G. Co.	1932
Corning	Turner Bros.	1933
Fairfield	Wade & Bonfield	1932-33
Bonaparte	J. W. Whitely & Son.	1932
Keokuk	Winger Bros.	1932
Fontonelle	Zetton	1933
Marshallton	Peoples Clo. Store	
Ottumwa	Chas. Rich	1932
Woodward	Rowe & Bligh	1933
Milton	Rowland Bros.	1932
Oakland	E. E. Spalti	1933

ST. PAUL DISTRICT

Mason City	I. Gindler	1932-33
Tipton	Horn & Leabhart	1932
Sioux City	Wm. Kauter	1933
Britt	C. P. Lewis Store	1933
Britt	Lewis & Vickerman	1933
Lime Springs	Johnston & Jones Prop.	1933
Sioux City	Wm. Kauter	1933
Gowrie	J. Lundquist	1932-33
Ashton	J. Lohmann	1933
Blairsbury	McNee & Son.	1932
Onawa	Moen Clo. Co.	1932
Charles City	Antionoff Bros. Prop.	1933
Cedar Rapids	Armstrong Clothes Co.	1933
Waukon	The B. & B. Store	1932-33
Nashua	Baumbach Clothes Co.	1933

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ST. PAUL DISTRICT, Cont'd.

<u>Town</u>	<u>Name of Store</u>	<u>Year Sold</u>
Calmar	Geo. Bucheit	1933
Oelwein	Saul Bucksbaum, The Star Clothing Co.	1932
Paullina	Butterfield & Co.	1932
Dows	Charlson's Clothes Shop	1933
Sac City	Chief Clothing Co.	1932-33
Grafton	C. F. Christians & Son.	1932
Thompson	A. S. Christianson & Co.	1932
Olwein	Connors, Inc.	1932
Dyersville	The Emporium	1933
Ossian	H. J. Etteldorf	1932
Sibley	Flint & Miller	1932
Independence	H. L. Frank	1933
Eldora	Star Co. Store	1932
Monticello	Geo. Stuhlers Sons Co.	1933
Fort Dodge	Turke Merc. Co.	1932
Cherokee	Waters Bros.	1932
Sioux City	Peoples Dept.	
Jackson Junction	J. J. Pitzemberger	1932
New Hampton	Sheakley & Kennedy Bros.	1932

MINNESOTA

ST. PAUL DISTRICT

Bricelyn	O. A. S. Johnson	1932-33
Hawley	A. Johnson Co.	1932
St. James	Clark Klein	1932
New Richland	Kreuzer Sons Co.	1933
Perham	B. A. Lucking	1932
Pipetstone	C. F. Marsh & Co.	1933
Windorn	Mueller Clothing Co.	1932
St. Paul	Northwest Buyers & Jobbers, 215 E. 4th St.	1933-34
Brainerd	Peterson Clothing Co.	1932-33
Mabel	A. Rotham	1932-33
Hancock	C. J. Schneiderhan	1932
Lake Park	P. H. Severson	1932-33

MINNESOTA

ST. PAUL DISTRICT

<u>Town</u>	<u>Name of Store</u>	<u>Year Sold</u>
St. Peter	P. H. Schweiller	1932
Hutchinson	The Squard Clothing Co.	1932-33
Millman	B. E. Torgerson	1932-33
Company	Ora Troutman	1933
Morris	Vinje Clothing Co.	1932
Mabel	Walkus & Benson	1932
Worthington	The Wolff Store	1933
Barnsville	O. J. Ammodt	1932
Jackson	Albertus Clothing Co.	1932-33
Canby	C. Anderson	1933
Zumbrota	J. N. Banitt	1933
Madison	G. N. Bergh	1932-33
Montgomery	Dorak & Walker	1933
St. James	Clarke & Klein	1933
Springfield	Conley's Clothing Co.	1933
New Ulm	Crone Bros. & Co.	1932
Goodhue	Geo. W. Dierks	1932
Confrey	Erickson & Troutman	1932
Fairfax	Fairfax Model Clothing Co.	1933
Janesville	Fairley Bros.	1932
Fairmont	Fisher Clothing Co.	1933
Spring Grove	Fladager & Son.	1932
Appleton	A. T. Forsberg	1932-33
Chaska	The Glass Block, Inc.	1933
Spring Valley	Halbkat & Son.	1933
Sauk Center	Hansen Bros.	1933
Fergus Falls	Iverson & Lee	1933
Lindstrom	Jacobson's	1933

SOUTH DAKOTA

ST. PAUL DISTRICT

Mt. Vernon	Harry Albin	1932-33
Lennox	S. Bailin (Peoples Store)	1932-34
Scotland	Rivin Bros.	1933
Watertown	J. H. Conley, Allied Clothing	1932-33
Tyndall	Rivin Bros (All Stores)	1932

SOUTH DAKOTA, Cont'd.

ST. PAUL DISTRICT

<u>Town</u>	<u>Name of Store</u>	<u>Year Sold</u>
Wentworth	E. V. Zimmerman	1932
Mitchell	L. S. Lipschultz	1932-33
Huron	G. B. Fahrendorf Co.	1932
Pierre	A. E. Lucas & Co.	1932
Yankton	Nielson & Cook	1932
Alexandria	L. Levy	1933
Faulkton	Niemeyer Bros.	1932
Belvidere	W. E. Kuhn	1933
Aberdeen	A. Olander	1933
Gregory	H. Hogueve & Co.	1933

NORTH DAKOTA

ST. PAUL DISTRICT

Jamestown	Solism Bros. & Co.	1932-33
Cogswell	Sullivan's Men's Shop	1933
Bismark	A. W. Lucas Co.	1933
Ambrose	Grina Brothers	1933
Lakota	Lakota Mercantile Co.	1933

MICHIGAN

DETROIT DISTRICT

Jackson	Ben Bozin	1933
Hudson	T. G. Breman	1932
Battle Creek	H. J. Brown & Son.	1932
Union City	Geo. F. Minto Co.	1933
Davison	Stinson's	1932
Saginaw	W. C. Wiechman Co.	1932
Prescott	S. N. Weinberg & Co. (all stores)	1932-33

MICHIGAN

CHICAGO DISTRICT

<u>Town</u>	<u>Name of Store</u>	<u>Year Sold</u>
Lake City	Sun Ardis	1933
Mackinac Island	J. W. Davis & Son	1932-33
Petoskey	A. Fochtman Dept. Store	1932
Houghton	Kirkish Bros.	1932
Republic	J. Malsin	1932
Reed City	B. J. Montague	1932-33
Kalamazoo	Mullie & Klosterman	1932
Munising	B. Osner	1932
Big Rapids	Parker Ryan Co.	1933
Constantine	Vail Dept. Store	1933
Holland	Visser & Bareman	1932

WISCONSIN

CHICAGO DISTRICT

Green Bay	Carl Asman & Son.	1933
Kaukauna	S. J. Berens	1933
Menasha	Bevens & Schmaltz	1932
Denmark	Sam Cherin	1933
New London	Christy's	1932-33
Wausau	The Fair Co.	1933
Waukesha	Friedman Bros.	1932-33
Marinette	Sol Friedstein & Son Co.	1932-33
Two Rivers	J. F. Galeski	1932-33
Grafton	B. F. Harms	1932
Underhill	W. E. Janssen	1933
Chilton	Joe Kahn	1932-33
Platteville	Kaufman Clo. Co.	1933
Neenah	Herman M. Krause	1933
Milwaukee	Leader Dept. Store	1933
DelaVan	Lynch & Son	1932
Stevens Point	P. Pasternacki	1933
Ellison Bay	Chas. Ruchert	1933
Green Bay	Schains	1933
Suring	H. Serier	1933
Burlington	J. Wein & Son	1932
Oshkosh	M. Zimmerman	1932

WISCONSIN

ST. PAUL DISTRICT

<u>Town</u>	<u>Name of Store</u>	<u>Year Sold</u>
Avalon	B. E. Acheson	1932
Livingston	Joe Allen	1932
Monroe	David Becker	1932
Benton	J. L. Bowman	1932
Eau Claire	Farmers Store (all stores)	1932
De Forest	Farness & Johnson	1932-33
Independence	Garthus Store	1932
Madison	Gay Bros.	1932
Lancaster	Goldstein Bros.	1932-33
Galesville	Hammer-Engelgen Co.	1932
Mt. Horeb	A. Hoff Co.	1932
Hollandale	Johnson & Hegland	1932-33
Watertown	Kelly-Borchard Co.	1933
Phillips	I. Levitt	1933
Gay Mills	Lewis Store	1932
Portage	A. Marachowsky	1933
Muscoda	Muscoda Co. Op. Co.	1932
Beloit	J. C. Nelson	1932
LaCrosse	M. & C. Newburg	1932
Black Earth	Patrons Merc. Co.	1932
Mineral Point	W. J. Penhallegon & Co.	1933
Owen	I. Pevin	1932
Brooklyn	Roberts Bros.	1932
Madison	Ed Shovers	1932
Marathon City	A. Silverman	1932-33
Black Earth	Simley's Store	1932-33
Camp Douglas	E. D. Singleton	1932
Black Earth	Iver Smiley	1933
Platteville	F. L. Snowden	1932
Almond	L. S. Walker	1932
Hudson	M. Wiener	1933



ILLINOIS

SAINT LOUIS DISTRICT

<u>Town</u>	<u>Name of Store</u>	<u>Year Sold</u>
Lawrenceville,	Alexander & Co.	1932-33
Charleston,	J. W. Alexander,	1932
Rock Island,	Brady & Waxenberg,	1929
Atwood,	Burger Bros.	1932
Farmington,	D. C. Clayton Co.	1932
Atlanta,	Cohen's Dept. Store,	1933
Normal,	J. C. Douglas,	1932
Arthur,	Eads Bros.	1932
Thawville,	B. L. Kahleman,	1932
Bureau,	Irvin Jensen,	1933
Bloomington,	C. W. Klein,	1932
Mason City,	Lee Brothers,	1932-33
Herscher,	Leiser Dept. Store,	1932
Fairbury,	T. J. Lyons,	1932
Bloomington,	Mansbach Dept. Inc.	1932
Monticello,	H. P. Martin,	1932
Brimfield,	H. Memler,	1932
Milford,	Peter Meyer,	1932
Clifton,	A. L. Morel & Sons,	1932
Springfield,	Myers Bros.	1932
Metropolis,	Neals Clothing Store,	1932
Pana,	C. V. Penniwell & Sons,	1933
Minier,	H. A. Peine & Co.,	1932
Princeton,	Peterson's Clothing Co.,	1932
Watseka,	Plankall & Goetz Co.,	1932-33
Champaign,	F. K. Robeson Est.	1932
Farmer City,	Sebastian Brothers,	1932
Bloomington,	C. W. Silvers,	1932-33
Orient,	Smith Merc. Company,	1932
Buda,	F. R. Stratton Prop.	1932-33
Westville,	John Szilaggi,	1932
Stewardson,	Webber Bros.	1932-33
Carlyle,	D. Weigle,	1932

CHICAGO DISTRICT

Calumet City,	S. Alpert,	1932
Rockford,	V. A. Anderson & Son,	1932
Rockford,	B. K. Clothing Co.	1932
Frankfort,	Harry Balchowski,	1932

"ILLINOIS" (Continued)

CHICAGO DISTRICT

<u>Town</u>	<u>Name of Store</u>	<u>Year Sold</u>
Marseilles,	K. Balchowsky,	1933
South Holland,	A. Bardwick,	1932
Belvidere,	T. W. Bishop,	1932
Rockford,	Sam Blankfeld,	1932
Cicero,	P. Blazes,	1932
Evanston,	Emerson Clothing Co.	1932
Ottawa,	Famous Dept. Store,	1932
Cicero,	D. Frankel,	1932
Waukegan,	Globe Outlet Co.	1932
Cicero (2203 So. 52nd)	H. R. Gordon,	1932
Elizabeth,	J. L. Graham,	1932
Scales Mound,	E. Gribner,	1932-33
Joliet,	R. Grossman,	1932
Savanna,	F. A. Herbert,	1932
Brookfield,	Emil Hermank,	1932
Homewood,	Home Dry Goods,	1933
Mendota,	A. Kaizer	1933
Warren,	M. F. Kleeberger,	1932
River Grove,	A. Kolb,	1932
Harmon,	W. H. Kugler,	1932
Lansing,	P. Lanting,	1932
Cicero,	J. Lehn,	1933
Joliet,	Jos. Lewis & Sons,	1932
Cicero,	The Linen Shop,	1932
Orland Park,	Loebe Brothers,	1932
Villa Park,	H. L. Inetke,	1932
Lyons,	A. Marohnneck,	1932
Libertyville,	J. B. Morse & Co.	1932
Streator,	M. Mushro,	1932
Sterling,	H. L. Obermiller,	1932-33
Harvard,	P. Raffe,	1932
Melrose Park,	Rubin's Mfg. Outlet Store,	1932-33
Morris,	A. S. Kluts,	1932-33
Joliet,	The White Store,	1932

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CINCINNATI DISTRICT

<u>Town</u>	<u>Name of Store</u>	<u>Year Sold</u>
Richmond,	J. F. Ackerman & Co.,	1932
Kokomo,	Rapp Cut Price Company,	1932

CHICAGO DISTRICT

Fort Wayne,	Brateman Bros.	1932
Whiting,	John Dudzik,	1932
Kewanna,	L. M. Shoemaker,	1932
	P. J. Dwyer,	1932
Columbia City,	Markley & Uhleman "Quality Shop"	1932
	J. O. & Louis Flax	1932
Wakarusa,	The Frash Store,	1932
Mishawaka,	M. Gilbert & Sons Co.	1932
Fort Wayne,	Wm. Hahn (Boston Store)	1932
Crown Point,	Heide's Store,	1932
Wheaton,	H. L. Langdon,	1932
Akron,	D. Leincinger & Sons,	1932
Bluffton,	Masterson Tyndall Co.,	1932
Gary,	L. Pitzele & Son,	1933
Marion,	Price Hutchins,	1933
North Judson,	Gus Reiss & Co.	1932
Napponee,	Shively Corp.	1933
Valparaiso,	Specht-Finney Co.,	1933
Ligonier,	C. R. Stansbury,	1932-33
East Chicago,	R. Weinberg,	1932

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Subsequent to the receipt of the letter from the Division dated February 14th, the Chicago office received a long distance telephone call from Assistant Director Harold Nathan, informing that it would not be necessary to canvass the dealers handling the underwear set out above in the Chicago district until a list of dealers handling the socks and shirt have been secured. It is believed that the socks, underwear and shirt may have been purchased from the same store, and this should materially assist in the investigation. For this reason, only one copy of this letter is being furnished the auxiliary offices for information only, and the Division is requested, therefore, to advise the auxiliary offices when a canvass should be made of the dealers located in the various districts appearing in this letter.

Investigation relative to the socks, flashlights and boxes of batteries is being conducted and a report will be submitted immediately upon completion thereof.

A telegraphic summary of the information herein contained was furnished the Division on February 16, 1934.

Very truly yours,

*W. A. Smith*

W. A. SMITH, Acting  
Special Agent in Charge.

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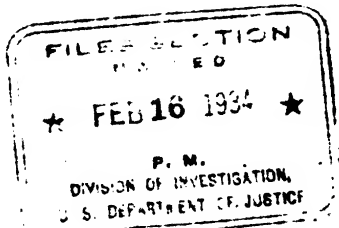
MEMORANDUM FOR MR. CLEGG

Colonel Gates telephoned to inquire as to whether I expected to give the Attorney General a statement concerning the Bremer case for press conference this afternoon. I told him that I transmitted a memorandum to the Attorney General yesterday recommending a release on this case, and suggested to Mr. Gates that he speak to Mr. Carusi concerning this before the press conference.

Miss Flora G. Orr, of the St. Paul News, telephoned in regard to the Bremer case. She stated she had a number of questions which she would like to have answered. I told her that of course we are giving out no information on this case. Upon her inquiry as to cooperation of the St. Paul police and the Bremer family, I advised her that the only person who could comment on that is the Attorney General, and suggested that she attend the press conference this afternoon.

Very truly yours,

Director



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Division of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice  
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San Francisco, California.

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Feb. 14, 1934.

Director,  
Division of Investigation,  
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Dear Sir:

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS  
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Reference is made to the telephone conversation of February 12th with Special Agent in Charge Dwight Brantley, Oklahoma City, in which request was made that the file of Captain Hansley, Chief Special Agent of the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph Company, in re Theodore Bentz, with aliases, be reviewed for information regarding Edward Doll, I.O. 1214. In the telephone conversation reference also was made to report of Special Agent Albert Miller, San Francisco file No. 7-9, Unknown Subjects, Charles Urschel - Victim.

In accordance with the telephone request, the file of Captain Hansley was carefully reviewed by Agent E. B. Montgomery. No reference to Edward Doll was found. The referred to report of Agent Miller reviews in substance all the file contains. Captain Hansley informed Agent Montgomery he does not know Doll. He recalls Theodore (Teddy) Bentz telling him that he, Bentz, knew Doll, and that Doll was a member of the gang that "had pulled several big jobs". Captain Hansley also recalled that in 1932, with Bentz, he was looking for Webber, Bates and others. Bentz took him to the office of Dr. Barnack, a dentist in South Chicago. At this time Bentz asked Dr. Barnack if he, Barnack, knew where various persons were, whom Bentz called by their given names. From this conversation, Captain Hansley says, he got the impression Dr. Barnack either was a member of the gang, or its contact man.

Captain Hansley says that when in Chicago in 1932, he learned that Emory C. Smith, Room 724, First National Bank Building, a member of the "Secret Six", had a world of information regarding Bentz and the gang with which he operated. He found also that Paul Girard, Chief Special Agent of the Hartford Indemnity Company,

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Room A-1529 Insurance Exchange Building, Chicago, had a complete file on these gangsters, their haunts and associates. He suggests Mr. Girard as a fine source of information.

Captain Hamsley says he has lost track of Bentz; has had no information regarding him since early in 1933; has no idea through whom Bentz may be located; can give no information regarding Doll. In 1933 Bentz received mail at 7124 Balden Ave., Chicago. This address appeared to be a clearing house for crooks. It is Captain Hamsley's opinion that Teddy Bentz and Doll are not only friends, but pulled jobs together. He got this impression from his talk with Bentz, the friendly way Bentz spoke of Doll and the admiration Bentz appeared to have for Doll's astuteness and ability.

The Bentz brothers, he says, have been frequent visitors to the Coast. He has never heard of Doll being with them here. If Teddy Bentz is wanted, the best way to locate him would be through Christine Dawson, his girl, with whom he is madly infatuated. When last he heard of her, she was in Vancouver, B.C. Captain Hamsley thinks Bentz can give information about Doll, if he may be persuaded to talk.

Very truly yours,

*R. E. Vetterli*

R. E. Vetterli,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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